Athletics Budget

-\$400,000

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Graduate

Assistantships

-\$80,000

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This week Higher education cuts strike NSU

Employee Pay

-\$362,000

David Royal News Editor

Louisiana's budget crisis will continue to hamper the state's higher education systems this academic year and possibly longer, NSU President Randall Webb said.

NSU's already revised budget cut of \$7.2 million has once again been reduced by the state to \$6.1 million. Webb said, however, he and his staff are not complaining about the frequent changes, just as long as the changes continue to be in favor of the university.

Although the \$1.1 million reduction is a pleasant surprise for university officials, Webb said he is still "cautiously optimistic" about the upcoming academic year.

Webb explained that this is because additional budget cuts are expected for at least the next two fiscal years due to declining state revenues, the phase-out of federal stimulus funds and anticipated changes in the higher education funding formula.

When the budget cuts first arose in the Spring semester of 2009, NSU officials attempted to alleviate the original cut of \$2.1 million by reducing the university's operating costs.

Webb explained that this plan was adequate for the time being, but now the university's situation requires an even greater reduction in the operating costs and more long term solutions.

At this point, a hiring freeze has been placed on more than 62 university positions and 22 custodial contract positions have been eliminated, which combined reduces NSU's personnel costs by more than \$4 million, Webb said.

Another \$362,000 has been in rank and overtime pay.

\$400,000.

To help find other solutions, Webb explained that he has appealed to each of NSU's faculty and staff for any ideas that would help and acting Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Lisa Abney has formed a committee to address the impacts of the future

don't meet to discuss how to improve life for the students during these hard times," Webb said.

might be looked into would be moving to a four-day work week and a modified retirement plan that is be-

Vice President of Business Affairs Carl Jones explained that in

saved by eliminating merit salary increases for classified personnel, salary increases for faculty promotion

Additionally, support for NSU Athletics has been reduced by

"Hardly a week goes by that we

ing offered by the state, Webb said.

theory the retirement plan would

provide NSU employees, who are alincentive and means to go ahead and

In turn, NSU could fill those open positions with younger employees and not have to pay them the Some possible solutions that salary of a experienced or tenured

Jones said details are still being worked out for this proposed retirement plan, but added that it could be one of many "business tactics" used budget crisis.

Another direction university ofready eligible for retirement, with an ficials are taking goes hand in hand with NSU's Go Green initiative, Webb said by becoming energy

Travel Budget

-\$2M

efficient, the university predicts it could save a great deal of money. By the end of January, a new

on campus, which will entail an electric meter being installed for each of the campus's buildings, Webb said.

Currently, there is only a numto help the university during this ber of electric meters on campus and they each measure the electric-

ity used by multiple buildings in that specific meter's grid area.

Impact of Budget Reductions, 2009-10

Jones explained that the current system makes it difficult to measure which buildings are using the most electricity and how efficient the faculty, staff and students are being.

The new electrical system, howelectrical system should be installed ever, will allow university officials to look at each building individually and assess what needs to be done to be more energy efficient, Jones said.

> Jones said he has hopes of doing this with each of the university's areas of energy consumption.

Both Webb and Jones agreed that taking measures to lower the university's use of energy is the best long term solution available. "

Graphic by David Royal/ The Current Sauce

All this is coming together at a good time for us and should really help save some money," Jones said. Until the new electrical system

is installed, Jones said he and other university officials are doing what they can to keep things at NSU running as smoothly as possible.

"Our support and creativity is severely limited by the budget, but we are still sufficient," Jones said.

University struggles to accommodate students

David Royal

News Editor

For the second consecutive year, NSU has been forced to reopen Varnado Hall to house students after the rooms in University Columns and University Place Phase I and II

Varnado Hall is a traditional dorm that closed at the end of the 2008 academic as a result of the university shifting to privatized housing. Now, however, Varnado Hall is once again home to about 170 students and 20 university workers, Dean of Students Chris Maggio said.

Maggio said the fact that all the rooms in both Varnado Hall and the privatized housing units are filled could be a positive indicator that attendance at NSU is beginning to

"Just like it was last year, this really is a problem we would like to have," Maggio said.

Collectively, University Columns and University Place Phase I Director of Housing Stephanie Dyto students by mid-July.

students did a better job of turning in their lease and other paperwork on time, which allowed for NSU to inform them that they were not going to have a place to stay on cam-

Maggio said that last year many students procrastinated with their lease and paperwork, and as a result students were not informed that they had to find another place to live until a week before school began.

This year, the housing department put a strong emphasis on students turning in their leases before

March 1, Dyjack said. plied for housing before the priority fall semester.

deadline got a bed," Dyjack said.

Maggio said one problem the and II have around 1,300 beds, and housing department is currently facing is that potential NSU students jack said all of them were designated will fill out paperwork to reserve a room on campus, decide not to take Unlike last year, Maggio said the room and not inform the housing department that they will not be taking the room.

To help solve this problem, Maggio said the housing department will require potential lease signers to already be registered for classes and balances toward the university paid before reserving a room.

There are currently about 40 students on the waiting list to receive a room on campus, and students will be moved into Varnado Hall or the other privatized housing units as rooms become available.

Like last year, Maggio predicts the priority deadline, which was that all the students in Varnado Hall will have a room in one of the priva-"Just about everybody who ap- tized housing units by the end of the



Most NSU students moved into either Varnado Hall, University Columns or University Place Phase I and II on Saturday.

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"The Time Traveler's Wife"

Rated PG-13

7:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m.

"District 9"

Rated R

7:00 p.m.

9:30 p.m.

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra"

Rated PG-13

6:45 p.m.

9:30 p.m.

"Orphan"

Rated R 9:30 p.m.

New acting Provost and Vice President appointed

David Royal

News Editor

The NSU Presidential Cabinet appointed Lisa Abney as acting Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs during the

Abney, who has been at NSU for about 12 years, is the current replacement for Thomas Hanson.

Hanson served as Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs for over 4 years.

He said he decided to resume his teaching post in the math department for personal and family rea-

NSU President Randall Webb said Hanson had given him and his cabinet ample warning of his decision to step down and said Abney was an obvious replacement.

"She has been with the university for a great number of years and is a real scholar in her own right," Webb

Abney said she was informed by university officials that she was their choice to serve as Hanson's acting replacement in May and began most of her training in July.

"I was very honored and very surprised to be asked to take the position," Abney said.

As acting Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs, Abney is the chief academic officer of the university.

She explained that some of her duties relate to student life, degrees, faculty issues, the hiring and firing of NSU employees and budgets.

Because of the many aspects that she must address, Abney said her new position is always challenging and interesting.

"There is definitely no boredom with this job," Abney said.

Abney said one of her primary goals during her appointment is to form a student panel, which she said she hopes will give her and other NSU officials insight on what students think.

"We always need to stay focused on what today's students need and want," Abney said.

Abney came to NSU in 1997 to teach and a year later became Director of the Folklife Center.

After serving many years as the Director of the Folklife Center, Abney then became Head of Language and Communications in 2005 and was promoted to Dean of College of Liberal Arts for the past academic

Abney said she is amazed at where life has taken her thus far while at NSU.



Lisa Abney said she finds very little free time since she took the positon of acting Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs.

"I initially came here to teach job really gives me an opportunity and I never expected I would've come this far," Abney said.

Compared to all of her other roles she has served at NSU, Abney said her current one is significantly

"I now get to work with a large number of amazing faculty and this

to take a look at the big picture concerning the students and university like none of my other jobs did," Ab-

Webb explained that Abney's appointment is only for a year and the university will begin a national search to find a permanent replace-

ment for the position around October and expects to make his final recommendation for the job by April.

Webb said he would like to see Abney apply for the permanent posi-

Abney had no comment concerning whether or not she will pur-

Campus fraternity brings home the gold

Joe Cunningham Editor-in-Chief

A campus fraternity brought home a plethora of trophies this summer.

Theta Chi received recognition at the Chapter Leadership Confer-

Eddie Higginbotham, president of the NSU chapter of Theta Chi, said that the fraternity has been working hard to become a driving force in Greek Life at NSU.

"And," he added, "[Theta Chi] has established itself as one of the best chapters on the national level."

The chapter one eight of the fraternity's National Excellence Awards, in a variety of categories. Higginbotham was the second

runner-up out of 13 finalists for the Reginald E.F. Colley Award, making him one of the top three brothers in the nation.

He also received the Reginald Colley, Dale Slivinske, and Sherwood Blue Memorial scholarships, together totaling \$2750.



Eddie Higginbotham and brothers presenting President Randall Webb with a 150 year anniversary book.

The Colley Award is presented to the most outstanding undergraduate in the among all Theta Chi members across the country which is given

to the student best serves fraternity, chapter and alma mater, and is presented annually.

Among the other awards given university."

to the NSU chapter were in the areas of Social Programming, Alumni Programming, Campus Involvement, Ritual Practices and Community Service and Philanthropy.

According to Higginbotham, the NSU chapter had a successful year last year.

The fraternity was awarded the "Outstanding Student Organization of the Year" by the office of Student Activities, and also received the President's Cup for Greek Excellent by the Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life.

"In addition," Higginbotham continued, "we won the Commitment to Excellence in five categories, the most of any fraternity."

Theta Chi has been at NSU for 35 years and has initiated about 500

Theta Chi's missions, values and ideals have become intertwined with Northwestern State University history," said Higginbotham.

"Its presence at NSU has definitely left a lasting impact on the

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8/10

12:37 p.m. – Officer out of service, en route to Sonic

12:53 p.m. – Officer in service, back from Sonic

8/14

10:25 p.m. – Two men without shirts seen trying to climb building 8/20 11:24 a.m. – Suspicious man approaching some women

> 11:27 a.m. – Suspicious man identified as a WRAC employee, women didn't know him and were scared.



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Freshman general studies major Lee Baxter and freshman criminal justice major Cartez Shanklin of Leesville buying books at Barnes and Noble Bookstore on Friday afternoon from General Manager Lauren Martin.

Welcome home new Demons

Tori N. Ladd Life Editor

been since 1884. Through these 125 years, NSU ness major Jane Johnson said. has welcomed, nurtured and pro-

Old Normal Hill is where VIC- life long bonds are made. tory stands proud and welcomes new Demons.

line or through their liaison campus-

es in other cities, each fall semester events. NSU welcomes their core popula-

They cycle is recurring, and has thought to be a close community.

"We're like family," senior busi-

It is here amongst in Demonduced countless successful Demons. land that soul mates are found and

The fall semesters are filled with Demons sports, homecoming and Whether it is face-to-face, on- endless Registered Student Organization and Student Activities Board

Along with teachers, students and the administration, together, The fellow Demons of NSU are they all make up NSU and carry the purple and white spirit.

> In the start of your collegiate journey into making NSU your alma mater, obtain the Demon spirit and pride and become a part of the Pur-

As the fall season begins and the year takes off, The Current Sauce would like to welcome you to De-

Students of summer:

How students spent their summer break

Sarah Person Staff Reporter

Whether students stayed in Natchitoches or went home for the summer, they were all involved with different activites, while enjoying the time they had off.

stayed in Natchitoches in hopes for a job, but didn't find one until the end. Loe said he

laid-back summer. "I just worked out and hung out with some friends," Loe said.

go rock climbing or running, or even just hang out playing video games." Loe enjoyed staying in camp for high school students. Natchitoches but enjoyed his time in other places as well.

"Some times it was nice to get out of town though," Loe said.

"The highlights of my sum- Natchitoches is the people." mer were a mission trip to New [Texas] Rangers [baseball] game."

Loe says he is excited about the new semester because he graduates in December. Some students spent the

mentoring education jor Aly Breaux was a Freshman Connector this summer and she spent most of her sum- I come home on break," Barden said. new year off well.

mer with the incoming freshman. "It was a blast to meet all the freshman and get to know them, and know that I was helping to prepare them for one of the biggest

sion had a different set of students who were eager to learn about

the opportunity to teach these students about everything that Northwestern has to offer," Breaux said.

Besides being a Freshman Connector she worked Boy's and Girl's State for a week, and she volunteered her time at Trailblazers, which is a financial aid

"All of these camps were great and I enjoyed working with different students," Breaux said.

"I cannot wait for everyone Mexico and a trip to Dallas to see a to come back and get to see my favorite professors," Breaux said.

students home, worked, or took classes. Junior Psychology jor Susan Barden worked as

much as possible this summer. "I've worked at the same place for over three years and they welcome me

Barden had fun at her cousin's wedding and was even thrown a surprise party for her 20th birthday in June.

Even though she was away steps of their lives," Breaux said. for the summer, her friends Breaux enjoyed that every ses- came to visit in Texas, and they went to Six Flags Over Texas.

Barden enjoyed her sum-Senior biology major Brian Loe college life and Northwestern. mer since she knows she is going "It made it exciting for me to get to be extremely busy in the fall. "I'm looking forward to see-

ing my friends and classmates, the

marching shows, and living off campus with a friend," Barden said. "My favorite thing about Natchi-

toches is being around students," Barden said. "When I'm at home, I hang

out with my co-workers and some friends from high school. I rarely meet new people."

"I like the atmosphere in Natchi-"My favorite thing about toches because there are so many people my age to keep the days interesting, and I can make a new friend pretty much any time," Barden said

As far as new places in

Natchitoches, Barden hopes for Aladdin's to open soon. "I'm thrilled PJ's is going to be occupied," Barden said. "Alad-

bar being set up in the old PJ's." Students are getting back in the with open arms like family every time swing of things and hope to start the

din's is a half café, half hookah

Sauce's Weekly College Recipe: **Homemade Macaroni and Cheese**

SERVES 4 (change servings and units) Ingredients

2 cups uncooked elbow macaroni

2 cups hot water

1/3 cup butter or margarine

1/4 cup chopped onion

3/4 teaspoon salt

1/4 teaspoon pepper

1/4 teaspoon ground mustard

1/3 cup flour

1 1/4 cups milk

8 ounces process American cheese, cubed

Directions

1. In a 2-at.

2. microwave-safe dish, combine the first seven ingredients.

3. Cover and microwave on high for 3 1/2 minutes: stir.

4. Cover and cook at 50% power for 4 minutes for until mixture comes to a boil, roating a half turn once.

5. Combine flour and milk until smooth; stir into macaroni mixture.

6. Add cheese.

7. Cover and cook on high for 6-8 minutes or un til the macaroni is tender and sauce is bubbly, rotating a half turn once and stirring every 3 minutes.

www.recipezaar.com

Sauce Weekly Vocabulary

Prosaic (pro-sa-ic) Pronunciation: \pro-za-ik\ Function: adjective Etymology: Late Latin prosaicus, from Latin prosa prose Date: circa 1656

1 a : characteristic of prose as distinguished from poetry : factual b: dull, unimaginative prosaic advice>

2: everyday, ordinary < heroic characters wasted in prosaic lives Kirkus Reviews>

- pro-sa-i-cal-ly \ adverb

Fall 2009 Fee Payment Schedule **Graduate and Undergraduate Students**

Fee Payment will be held in Prather Coliseum. Students ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THEIR SCHEDULED CLASSES, regardless if there is a conflict with their scheduled fee payment time (you may come after your class on your scheduled day).

> Monday, August 24, 2009 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM A-J ONLY

> Tuesday, August 25, 2009 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM **K-Z ONLY**

Wednesday, August 26, 2009 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM A – Z (All Students)

Thursday, August 27, 2009 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM A – Z (All Students)

Random Facts

President Kennedy was the fastest random speaker in the world with upwards of 350 words per minute.

> There are 10 human body parts that are only 3 letters long (eye hip arm leg ear toe jaw rib lip gum).

Every year about 98% of the atoms in your body are replaced.

The Baby Ruth candy bar was actually named after Grover Cleveland's baby daughter, Ruth.

courtesy of http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~bingbin/



Submitted Photo

Paula Furr, Ed. D., stands outside of Oxford University in Oxford, England.

Paper or plastic?

Amanda Duncil Life Reporter

Starting this year, students will receive a book allowance on their NSU One Card for up to \$650 in place of paper book vouchers. Book allowances will be available starting Aug. 14 and remain available through Sept. 2.

Students will be eligible for the allowance if they have leftover Financial Aid after paying fees.

Students can contact Financial Aid or attend fee payment to determine the status of their resourc-

The book allowance is used like book vouchers and will be accepted at the bookstores. Students will also be able to

pre-pay and order a book if the book is not in stock. Internet students may use

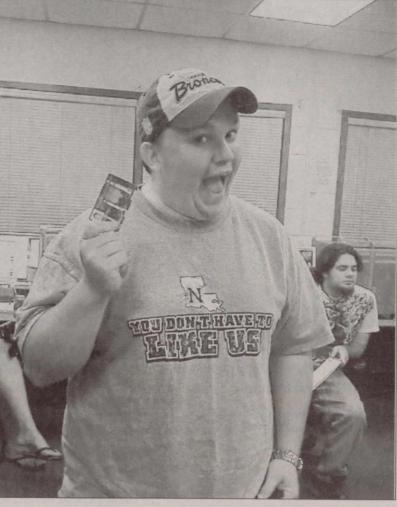
their allowance simply by calling the bookstore and ordering the books they need. "We think it will make things

much easier on the students," said Misti Adams, director of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships.

'They do not have to wait in line for a book voucher," Adams

funds earlier than normal if they their account."

getting rid of paper vouchers, Adams said.



Andy Bullard preparing to use his NSU One Card.

"And they have access to the cial Aid warns students: "Please remember that you, the student, have taken care of their business are responsible for knowing how and all their aid is estimated on much aid you have over what is owed on your account and you Financial Aid is relieved to be cannot charge over this amount.

Any amounts charged over your refund amount will have to An e-mail sent out by Finan- be paid out of pocket by you, the system.

Financial Aid also warns that after Sept. 2 all allowance money will expire and be unavailable for

Students will have to pay out of pocket if they are in need of a book after expiration of voucher

Changing times take instructor overseas

Amanda Duncil

Life Reporter

Paula Furr, head of department of journalism, discussed privacy and technological issues at an Oxford Round Table at the university in

Furr was one of 29 guests invited to the conference this summer. All topics were based on "Education and Cyberspace Law."

Printed Book to Facebook," focused on what qualifies material as credible or someone as being a journalist in the new social media of blogging and social networking.

She explained how popular be connected to others," Furr said. technology such as Twitter and Facebook have changed the way media send and receive information, and that the teaching of ethics and law must expand to suit the needs of the new outlets of information.

While these websites are useful for the spread of information and maintaining connections, they are also creating new issues with privacy and boundaries.

Furr explained that no one can mark. predict the "social ramifications of social media," and that no one knows how journalism will be affected posi-

tively or negatively in the future.

are called on to do more and more, the world's top debating societies. from content skills character and technology," Furr said.

"It's a challenge. But eager students who care remain an educator's

Other guests spoke about these problems and suggested other solutions to the issues.

Another question Furr dis-Furr's presentation, "From the cussed was whether changes with the media have or will result in the death of journalism.

> "My take was that journalism will never die because people need and want information and want to

> "However, journalists can no longer sit back as the 'mass communicators.' We have to be more credible, more accessible, more captivating so that an audience will choose a professional media outlet, whether the professional is an individual or

> Furr has participated in international conferences in Warwick, England as well as Ukraine and Den-

She was also invited to be a guest lecturer at Louisian's Tech at the Center for Secure Cyberspace.

The Oxford Union, where Furr "The bottom line is that schools discussed the new media, is one of

> years, it was founded as a forum for debate and roundtable discussion.

Based on the tenants of the free exchange of ideas, the foundation of the Union was a strange, new idea to the restrictive and conservative universities admionistration.

Many of the Unions leaders have gone into politics, including early leading figures W.E. Gladstone, who entered the House of Commons in England shortly after leaving Ox-

The Union holds no political

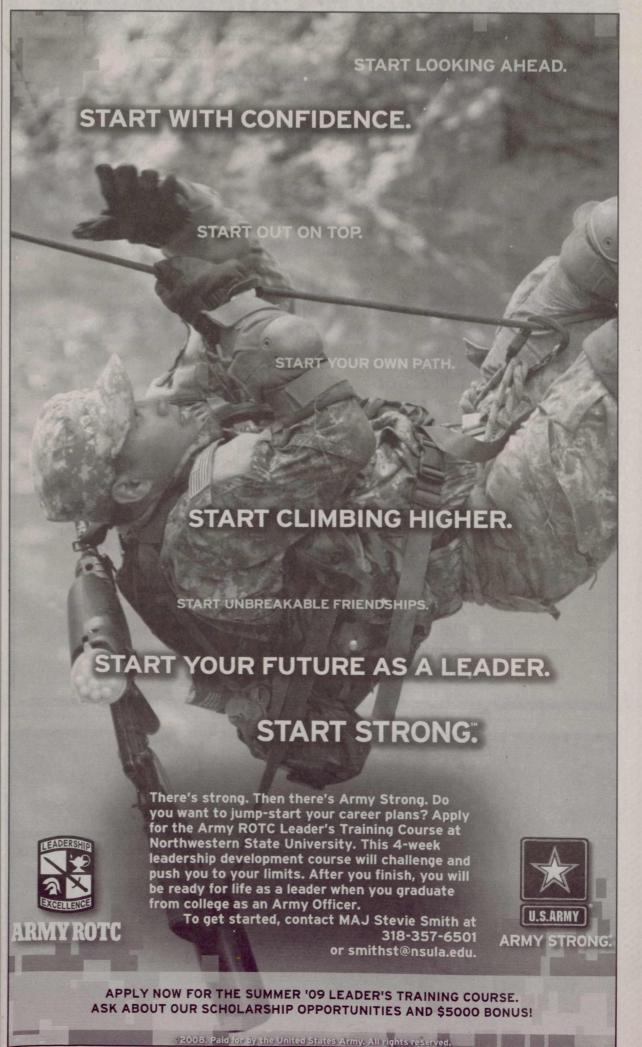
In 1933, one of their most famous motions.

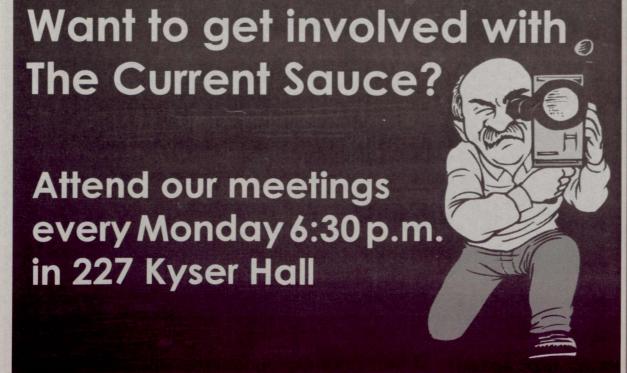
"This House will under no circumstances fight for King and Country," was passed, further exemplifying this political neutrality.

Many people believed this motion encouraged Hitler to invade Eu-

Winston Churchill denounced it as an "abject, , squalid, shameless

For more information on the Oxford Union, visit http://www.oxford-union.org/.





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Be Frank: leaving something behind Half the Battle:

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

We are taught throughout childhood to shoot for the stars.

As I wake up late for my last first day of classes, those words

of wisdom don't pass my mind. I run across campus murmuring, "oh shit!" under my breath and hope that the instructor is running a little late

As I run, I don't pause to notice the empty buildings that can never be torn down and I sprint by the new construction. I don't have time to realize how empty our campus feels. We have historic landmarks that

we leave vacant, we have dorms we have yet to tear down, but we continue to break new ground. Perhaps NSU is just growing

and progressing with time. But maybe it is leaving something more important behind.

administration.

posing institutions.

"maybe it is leaving

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behind."

Some people are bothered by

But those students look back at

Better athletics, better educa-

spair because they feel their students

have failed them. They believe their

times, return the agonizing stare be-

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cause they feel let down.

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student life.

the lack of purple and orange in stu-

dents' wardrobes. Some even attack

students for wearing colors of op-

We walk—and sometimes run across the campus during some of the institutions' greatest budget cuts.

Departments lose their accreditation, the janitorial staff is slashed the institution and dream of more. at least in half, positions are fro-

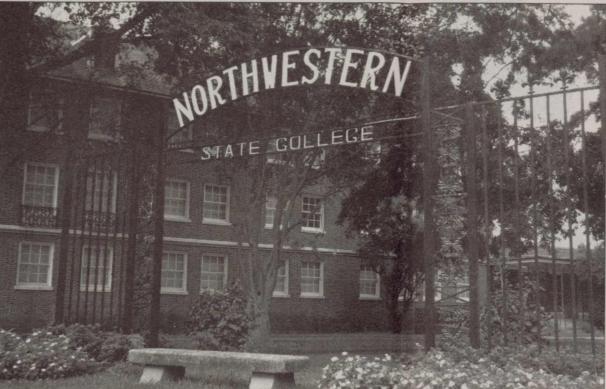
zen, paper runs scarce and more and more classes are being offered only on the In-

ternet while the instructors' course who look across the classroom in deloads continue to grow and they are asked to take furloughs.

NSU has seen and survived worse times.

But as I continue my sprint, I cannot help but feel defeated.

Our campus, as a whole, lacks the spirit that once seemed to flood the student body, faculty, staff and



ject to its fullest-and sometimes at

all. Some students feel the faculty

We might not win champion-

ships every year. We might not have

the cleanest floors in Louisiana. Hell,

we might not even have the highest

But we choose to be here. Each

It isn't always beautiful. Some-

times it literally stinks, but it is ours.

There are men and women who liter-

ally put on masks to save their cities

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dent body.

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from crime.

Photo by Bethany Frank/ The Current Sauce

At NSU, we put on masks to hide. We would rather point fingers and be

"Is this an institution

that will guide

'me' to the stars?"

blinded by "good enough" to stand up and make a change. This is our NSU.

pus people are pointing fingers at bad and right now a little ugly, it is

Today, I challenge you to stand up and remove your mask. Walk, instead of run, as you go class and take the time to reflect on what North-

Then ask yourself, "Is this an institution that will guide me to the

And if the answer is no, then I challenge you to make a difference.

I challenge you to be NSU's vigilante and help us make it through another 125 years.

Editor says hello

"Never for a moment think

that the administration is

hidden among the clouds,

like Heaven or Cloud City."

Joe Cunningham Editor-in-Chief

Ladies gentlemen! Your attention, if you please.

Today marks the beginning of a

glorious year. One which will determine the fate of the university we attend. A year that will mark either the rise or the decline of our school.

You may be asking yourself "But, Joseph... Why? Is the school's budget really that bad? Is our enrollment

down? Can we not afford indoor plumbing?"

No, my friends, it's none of the above. The reason the outcome of this year is a toss-up is... Well, take a look at the title under my name.

Didn't notice that before, did I've lost a lot of you with that

one, haven't I? For those of you who stayed: Bravo! You are the ones who will be asking the same questions I've been asking for months.

What does our budget look like? How many programs have been cut? How many classes exist only online or not at all?

As students, you have the right to ask these questions.

You have the right to know what your school is doing with the money you give it.

Never for a moment think that the administration is hidden among the clouds, like Heaven or Cloud

President Randall Webb is not, nor will he ever be a suitable, Lando Calrissian. Or St. Peter, but that's entirely beside the point.

The Current Sauce is here to answer your questions, and don't

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know, but how can we if you don't tell us what you want to know about? This is run by students for stu-

dents, first and foremost. We are not

here to bring good PR to the univer-We're not here to say "Go team!" and not tell you about that little, unimportant loss they had last week-

end. We're not just about the fraternities and the sororities. We'll tell you about the good, the bad, and the ugly. We've got to.

So, boys and girls, sit back and watch the fireworks.

Also, do your homework. I don't want you to fail. Really. I don't. That would be in bad taste.



Opinionated Spirits: it's more than just a drink between friends

"When people drink

together friendships

are made and honesty

prevails among the

conversations"

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

The culture of drinking in

America is unlike any other in the world, which can be attributed to the variety of immigrants that have made up this country. From men who

made alcoholic beverages similar the newly reopened breweries and to those from their home countries distilleries opened up many new to men who created drinks from job opportunities for the large per-

scratch, hundreds of different types of liquors, or spirits, and even more types of beer have created a unique national attitude towards drinking.

However, it seems like people forget about this unique mix when they try to change the way we view alcohol in this country.

Take prohibition, for example. It took years of constant protesting by anti-drinking groups to finally pass a national law against alcohol.

for America, we pressed on.

Other organizations like the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism and Mothers Against Drunk Driving continue to show the negative aspects that drinking has on

Maybe these organizations forgot the positive effects alcohol has had in our history or that just last week a mother in New York driving drunk killed 8 people, but I'll leave defining irony for another day.

Alcohol has had plenty of other effects on our country's history from the beginning.

Even the pilgrims on the Mayflower were effected by alcohol since the crew of the ship had to drop them off earlier than expected because they were afraid they would not have enough beer for the trip back to England.

After the repeal of prohibition,

centage of unemployed citizens going through the Great Depres-

sion. What alcohol has done the most on a

personal however, is act as a social drink. When people drink together friendships are made and honesty prevails among the conversations,

which is sometimes a reason why friendships are lost. The truthful opinions we feel obligated to keep to ourselves or say Although it was a dark, dry time with an acute sense of political correctness are brought out into the

open with every drink. Of course there is a point when alcohol can be abused, but I'm not

talking about the idiot who binges to the point of death or can't see his hand and tries to drive. I'm talking about the people

who can enjoy drinking and conversing, letting unfiltered opinions

Let the liquor do the talking to keep your ideas, well, full of spirit.



Tweet this, tweet that

Sarah Cramer Guest Columnist

A couple hours into our very first Potpourri staff meeting, we were interrupted by a burst of laughter coming from my neighbor on my left,

followed by a conversation that went something like this: "Did you just get my tweet?"

coming from my right-hand neigh-

"Really, guys?" were the only words I could find to say.

This social-networking site, Twitter, seems to be all the rage among, well, quite a number of people. From the rich and famous to the Potpourri staff members, everyone seems to have an

Even account.

President Barack Obama can be found on Twitter.

The site is so big it even has its own dictionary, complete with made-up words and phrases such as "Trazz-ler Buzz," meaning "tracking popular travel destinations via Twit-

I joined the Twitter craze during the spring 2009 semester after having my mother (yes, my mother), tell me how fun and exciting she found

the social-networking site to be. I gave it a shot, picked out a

creative to say about myself for my minutes later, notifying me that they profile and spent way too much time cropping a picture to be small they even supply me with a picture, enough to fit into the designated pro- or a twitpic. file picture frame.

I have since posted a total number of 22 "tweets" and I keep up with the 11 people I'm following, but what I can't seem to understand is: what's

the point? I must be honest; when I first joined I assumed it was a blogging

When I discovered all I would be doing is making all my followers aware of my every move, I quickly lost interest. Isn't that what we have Facebook for?

"what's the point?" I know you can post "twitpics" and share your opinion about any of the "Trending Topics," as well as several other tools I don't understand, but I haven't found my-

> I can see how it may be a good PR tool, but it seems to be used more often as a stalking device, or rather an invitation to such stalking.

> self interested enough to give those a

I see posts on a daily basis telling me exactly what a person is doing, down to the very position of their

username, tried to find something left hand, until they update again 30 have changed positions. Sometimes I have

also been both-

ered by the

amount of porn

sites that have

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low me.

"I recently made the mistake of clicking on a link posted by one of my followers who I did not know, only to be directed to a site full of naked people, complete with video."

I recently made the mistake of clicking on a link posted by one of my followers who I did not know, only to be directed to a site full of naked

people, complete with video. I've stopped clicking on mysterious links and instead have resorted to blocking creepy- or trashy-looking people I do not know.

As for the @(insert username here) references, those just annoy the crap out of me. I've seen several people transfer these to Facebook, and all I can say to those people is, "Please, keep those on Twitter and on Twitter only."

Perhaps it is my own ignorance and short attention span that keep me from figuring this thing out. I'm sure I will eventually catch this "Twitter fever;" maybe all it will take is for someone to explain it to me, or maybe I should spend more time tweeting so that I, too, will become

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university's outstanding faculty and staff, it is my pleasure to welcome returning students back to

Northwestern for the fall 2009 semester and to extend cordial greetings to students who are challenging year enrolling this year for the first time.

All of you will be part of a special year in Northwestern's history as the university celebrates during 2009-10 the 125th anniversary of its establishment in 1884 and the enrollment of its first class of students

More than 75,000 students have attended Northwestern in its long history, and alumni of the university have assumed roles of leadership across the nation and world throughout the years in education, business, government, medical fields, military service, arts, sciences and other areas of endeavor.

impetus for success in life that so many of our alumni credit for their

This will be a for Northwestern and other universities throughout the state and nation because of budget reductions and other impacts of the

able old school has overcome similar obstacles many times during its long history and will continue to serve its students effectively and in a compassionate and responsive manner even in difficult times.

There is cause for optimism and Randall Webb excitement as this new year begins

Your academic experiences and at Northwestern. Campus housing involvement in other activities and facilities are filled to capacity, enrollorganizations during your years as a ment of first-time students continues student at NSU will provide for you to increase, and there are ongoing the same foundation, inspiration and improvements in facilities and services at the university.

Construction begins this year, achievements after leaving the uni- for example, on a new student services complex in the heart of the campus that will

assist students

in virtually all of

their experiences

"This venerable old school has overcome similar obstacles many times during its long history and will continue to serve its students effectively and

> in a compassionate and responsive manner even in difficult times."

Thank you for selecting Northwestern as your university home. I am coneconomic recession, but this vener- fident that your time here will be re-

warding, beneficial and enjoyable. If I may assist you in any way, please do not hesitate to contact me. Welcome

Sincerely, President

Cody Bourque Guest Columnist

Afraid and loathing 852 miles from Natchitoches in Charlotte off South Tryon Street, I tried to figure out what to fill this

Impairing thoughts slowly as a Milwaukee brewed beverage ran its course, which for some reason I visualized as a waterslide (guess that's why there's a slide at Miller Park where the Brewers play), I was in the same spot mentally for this piece as preparing for this real world that ev-

eryone talks about. Got a clue and that's about it. I do not fear this real world completely; if I was totally afraid

I would not put myself up to the theme. hell that I have scheduled for these next two semesters with 20 hours of coursework for each one.

My fear is based on the uncertainty that is my planning process and disgust lies in hesitance to fully grasp what

"I would much rather more of it means to walk an improv group making the across this stage and on to the best of the topic thrown at it."

personal nature of not liking to have things planned out in life like a Broadway performance.

I would much rather more of an improv group making the best of the option to make that choice makes topic thrown at it.

have to start writing mine, or at least understanding where I want the acts to be played out and the overall

This fear of uncertainty that we all face is always going to be there but recognizing that it even exists is the first step (an AA reference would be perfect here considering the lead but I would rather not go there) in get-

ting over it. ways easier said than done,

though, espe-It mainly has to do with my cially when it means getting out of a comfy chair and into a shirt and tie (or whatever the equivalent is for our lady friends).

But considering that we have the for inspiration (cue "Proud to be an I don't like scripts, but now I American," shoot some fireworks in the sky and grab an apple pie with Wisconsin cheese on top).

Time to get ready for a wild ride.

Greetings to all Demons

Kayla Wingfield SGA President

Greetings to all new and returning Demons!

Welcome home!

This year marks the 125th Anniversary of Northwestern State University.

All Demons are in celebration in its various forms, and those in the Student Government Association are no exception.

This year, in keeping with our desire to see more of that good ole' Demon Pride, the SGA is making changes to promote a more satisfying student experience!

One of those exciting changes is that there will now be designated areas for RSO's to host tailgating parties on game day! As always, buses will be available to transport students to some of the big away games this year, so be on the lookout for the when and the where.

Be sure to attend those pep rallies before the games! Greek Life has put a lot of work into making them events to remember!

On the business side of things, SGA has been working hard to get you some of the things you have been asking for.

For instance, the student committee for Sodexho food services committee is now accepting applications for the Fall Semester, and its first meeting is slated for the Early September!

Negotiations with Campus Living Villages have already begun, and SGA hopes to get the student advikeep your eyes open for that launch.

We hope that these student committees will spawn a new level done to ensure that all students have of student satisfaction with our con- the opportunity to develop the nectracted service providers on campus. essary skill sets to achieve their aspi-

interests of the students. In the com- schools. ing weeks, SGA will be sponsoring a new fiscal awareness campaign in ing the university to provide these which we will teach students what the charges on their fee sheets are for, what services their fees fund, and also how the legislative environment has impacted our university.

We also plan to add an additional guest during that event who will educate students on how to prepare for their financial future.

Furthermore, in an effort to be of further assistance to students, SGA proposes an increase of the maximum

SGA loan amount from \$74 to \$100. These low cost loans are available to any student in good academic standing with the university and currently require an interest payment of \$1/loan.

Look for that item during the Homecoming Elections, which will hopefully be conducted using our forms and put them in the boxes. new online system.

To further assist student organizations, some exciting new changes have been made to the Gavel Club

announce that the SGA Vice President will be taking on the additional responsibility of being available by request to come to student organizations to hear student concerns!

Last, but not least, SGA is moving forward on our plan to recommend that standardized test prepara-

sory committees set up this Fall, so tory courses be taught as for-credit classes for students.

SGA believes this should be We are continuing to serve the rations to graduate and professional

> We believe that by encouragtools to students, that it will lessen the disadvantages due to economic situations that many of our fellow Demons face. Of course, there are many more

> projects that SGA will be undertaking both this semester and the next, but we are never too busy to take on a new challenge. Above all, we are here to be

> the voice of the students. The senators will constantly be out and about looking for your concerns. The SGA seeks not only to give

voice to your concerns but also to find creative solutions to those con-

There are purple Pass Boxes in various locations around campus.

If you have any complaints or concerns, please fill out one of the

Additionally, my office hours, as well as those of the other executives will be posted not only outside of the SGA office but also on our bulletin boards in the student union as well as Furthermore, we are proud to in various locations around campus.

> Remember, Demons, to make the most of your experience in Demonland! Find out what moves you, involve yourself with one or more of the many organizations on campus, and, above all, get ready to find yourself at Northwestern!

> > Go Demons!



Photo by Bethany Frank/ The Current Sauce

NSU takes a greener

Taylor Graves Guest Columnist

Did you know by recycling two tons of plastic, you can save one ton of petroleum? Or by recycling

steel and tin cans, a person can save 74 percent of energy used to make them?

Now here's the big kicker...by recycling one ton of paper, a person can save 17 trees; 7,000 gallons of water; three cubic yards of landfill space; two barrels of oil and 4,000 kilowatt hours of electricity, according to www.recycling-revolution. com. Did you know that?

These and more are reasons why I am a huge recycling fan.

Honestly, what's the point in letting perfectly reusable things (newspapers, cans, plastics, etc) just lay in a landfill for them to decompose?

Bethany Frank

Opinions Editor

Andy Bullard

Sports Editor

Since the university has more than 3,000 students and facility on campus, our campus could save quite a lot of raw materials and energy.

A recycling program was introduced to Natchitoches last February to try to reduce the waste stream of the city by 30 percent, according to a city councilman.

So, I was very excited when I found out NSU started the same recycling program in August.

Each department will have a blue recycling bin and every building with an elevator will have a bin

There will also be six recycling bins outside the six most used buildings on campus - Friedman Student Union, St. Denis Hall, Warehouse/ Central Receiving, Russell Hall, Kyser Hall and Watson Library.

Since the bins will be accessible for everyone, hopefully waste prodpaper, plastic and aluminum products will be recycled.

The only problem now is there seems to be no plan for recycling bins around University Columns or Place Phases I and II. I noticed trash cans specificity for recycling in University Place Phase II last semester, but from the information I've read about the new program, no one has mentioned putting the blue recyclable bins outside or around the Columns or Place buildings.

Between the three resident buildings there are 1,298 students living on campus. That is a lot of trash and a lot of possible recyclables. So, wouldn't it make sense to put bins around the resident halls?

I have high hopes for this program and the students at NSU to start recycling more. I can't think of a better way to start off a new school year than with a new recycling pro-

Jarrett Reeves

Student Media Adviser

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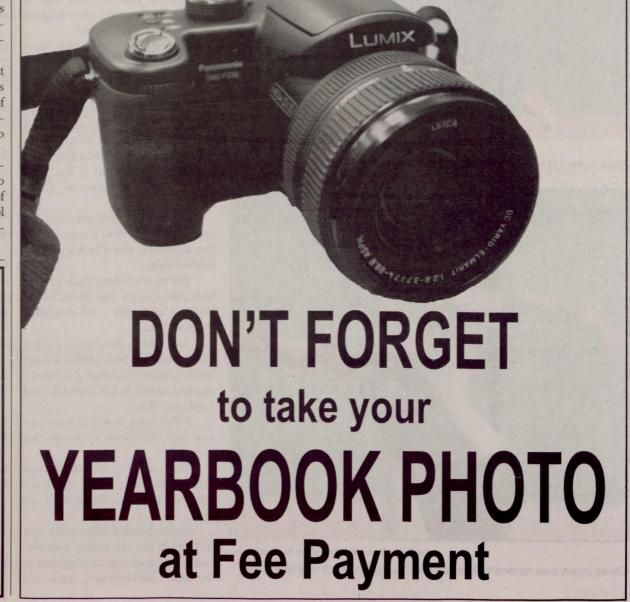
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The man behind the "Promise"

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

"The Peveto Promise" echoes across Natchitoches as season ticket holders renew their seats. But as the saying goes, a promise is only as good as the man who makes it.

Bradley Dale Peveto, new football head coach, returns home to the Demons after an 11-year hiatus.

"It was a chance to be head football coach," Peveto said. "There is a loud tradition of football [at NSU], and Natchitoches is a great place to raise a family."

Football has been a family game for Peveto since his childhood when his father, Ed, coached high school football in southeast Texas.

Ed was also inducted into the Greater Houston Coaches Hall of Honor in 1993 and into the Golden Triangle Coaches Hall of Fame in

Peveto's brothers, Jeff and Garey Birt, also coached at high schools in southeast Texas.

Peveto's wife, Melissa, and their two children, Payton (7) and Jacob (4) join the team and can be seen on sidelines cheering for the Demons

They even joined the Demons during the summer football practices. All the coaches' wives and families could be seen along the sidelines cheering on the players and sometimes partaking in a little game themselves.

Football has become a family affair at Northwestern State.

It was more than just the cajun atmosphere and cooking that drew Peveto toward NSU. After participating with some "unstable institutions," Peveto returns to NSU comforted by the administration. "A strong administration is the foundation of a football program," he said. "If it's not stable, you don't have a chance."

He continued to explain how he likes the stability from "President Webb to Greg Burke."

"NSU has always had a tradition of football, tough players and players that play hard," Peveto said. And it is that "hard nose" football program

The Demons will shoot for championships and wins, but Peveto's concentration is on doing the

"[We are going] to take care of during not only the games, but prac- our academics, be very respectful, can honors. The defense set single-

the classroom," he said. "The right things from A to Z."

But after all the preparation, Peveto is ready for the first game.

Football is unlike any other sport, he said. You spend a lot of time practicing, but only get to play a few

"Our team is going to play hard, a lot of emotion, fast, very disciplined," he said.

Overall, they are working hard. "The only way to develop the blood, sweat and tears, which come and hard practice," he said.

Peveto coached the Demons from 1996-98. While at Northwestern State, he inspired both his "Purple Swarm"-a nickname for the defense—and the team as a whole.

The Purple Swarm broke records and set standards during Peveto's three years as defensive coordinator and coined the phrase "Swarm, Baby, Swarm" for the attacking defensive style. Four players were drafted to the NFL, including current Washington Redskins safety Mike Green, and four players earned All-Ameri-

old fashioned-on the field and in game records for fewest yards allowed, fewest rushing yards allowed and most quarterback sacks.

> The Demons also set a school season records for most defensive touchdowns scored. The Purple Swarm also set season records for quarterback sacks in two of Peveto's three seasons, totaling 52 in 1998 and 122 in the last three years.

Since working at NSU, Peveto was the secondary/co-defensive coordinator at Houston State for three years; defensive coordinator, secondcommunity for championships is ary, linebackers at Middle Tennessee University; and special teams coorfrom hours and hours of practice dinator, linebackers and co-defensive coordinator at LSU.

> He has led his players through victorious bowl games and championships including: the Peach Bowl where LSU beat Miami, 40-3 in 2005; the Sugar Bowl where LSU beat Notre Dame, 41-14 in 2007; and BCS Championship Game where LSU beat Ohio State, 38-24 in 2008.

> The 1987 graduate joined Southern Methodist University during three bowl games where he played safety. They won the Cotton Bowl in 1983 defeating Pittsburgh, 7-3 and the Aloha Bowl in 1984 defeating



Head coach Bradly Dale Pevato with his two children and wife after a NSU summer practice

Bs'in with the Bull: Welcome back to the madness

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

Welcome back baby birds from your long and tumultuous summer, if it wasn't long and

tumultuous I'm sorry mine was so that's what we are going with. Anyway back on point, momma bird is here to feed his chicks.

For those of you who know what you're reading you can skip down a few lines and get on with this show, for those of you who have no idea what this is, listen up.

My name is obviously Andy Bullard and this is my column "Bs'in

In this column it will be mainly about sports, but sometimes it will be about things I hear or see that strike my fancy, but mostly sports.

sports I have two goals: 1) Help you gain knowledge about sports and 2) Entertain you at the exact same time.

In this column I also want to hear back from you. I want your in-

So this means that you have to go to thecurrentsauce.com and give me your feed back.

Anyway, back to the real point of this column now that we got the introductions out of the way.

The real point of this shindig here is I love to prognosticate, so what I'm going to do is give you the low down on how the fall sports here at the lovely NSU are going to fair

by now I'm sure we all know that we have a brand spankin new head coach in Bradly Dale Pevatoe.

Yes, he did come from the LSU

While I'm talking about the Tigers and yes, he does have a BCS National Championship ring, but right outside the SLC championship that's all in the past.

> One things he has done for NSU is give them the number one recruiting class in the FCS (football championship sub-division).

He has also brought a strong nosed defense to a team that was already pretty good on defense. As for the team in general, I am really torn about them.

I can honestly see them going anywhere between 9-2 and 5-6, but I won't leave it at that I feel the team will actually go 8-3.

I think that the Houston Cougars and Baylor Bears are going to be games that will be extremely hard to

my soul to say this but its going to be to McNeese State University, only for the fact its in Lake Charles.

So, at 8-3 it leaves the Demons caboodle. and just short of the playoffs, but a tenure here at NSU.

Next up is Soccer. Even though we lost a bit of experience due to graduation, Coach Jimmy Mitchell always has this team prepared for the upcoming season.

Speculation that I have heard from talking to sources is that the NSU Demons are predicted to finish third in conference.

Setting them up with a good spot in the conference tournament which just so happens to be at the friendly confines of the Demons Soccer Complex.

So, for my personal predic-As, far as the third loss, it hurts tion I'll say that the ladies will finish third in conference and then since the tourney is here in our own back yard they will win the whole kitten

Finally we have the NSU volgood start to Coach Pev's second leyball team. This team is always the hardest to predict because they have always been spotty. They will play well for a stretch and then lose to teams they are suppose to beat.

That's right the whole thing.

For example, they made it into the SLC tournament last year by the skin of their teeth and then won their first round game, a game mind you they were not suppose to win.

So, between that and a good portion of the team returning, I think and hope that Coach Uffelman can have the Lady Demons volleyball team back in the conference tourney and even farther into the

So, there you go. Keep in mind that these are my own personal opinions of how our teams will do.

I have put in lots of research in

between turns on Call of Duty, so just know that this wasn't thrown together at the last minute.

On a small side note, in recent news you may have seen how Brett Favre is coming back for yet again another season. Except this time instead signing a one year deal he signed a two year deal with the Minnesota Vikings.

To me this is the biggest mistake ever, because Favre is old and just needs to go home to Mississippi. Don't get me wrong I love Favre, but now it's just getting ridiculous. Even after saying that I still think the Vikings have a good shot at the Super Bowl now. Sorry for that tangent.

On a final note I feel this will be od year for all Demon athletics

Also, I really hope you continue to read this and the rest of the Sauce for the rest of the year because I promise it will only get better.

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Photo by Gary Hardamon/The Current Sauce

Chase Lyles (2) turning a double play in a game last spring agnist UTA



Photo by Gary Hardamon/The Current Sauce

Corey Jones was named to the 2009 All-Louisiana track and field team.

NSU sports: 365

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

Summer is hardly an off-season for Demon Sports. The athletic calendar is 365 days long and sports are never an "in season" topic at NSU.

Throughout the break from school, NSU athletics were hard at work landing recruits and snagging on and off the field awards.

Even though the Demon baseball team barely scraped .500, they bagged plenty of honors this sum-

Third baseman and political science senior Joe Urtuzuastegui was named to the 2009 All-Louisiana Baseball team along with first baseman teammate Justin O'Neal and second baseman teammate Chase

O'Neal and Urtuzuastegui received another award along side fellow teammate, senior biology major, Jordan Nipp.

The three of them made the 24man 2009 Capital One Bank/Southland Conference All-Academic Baseball Team.

Red shirt freshman pitcher championship. Chad Sheppard was named a Louisville Slugger Freshman All-American and named to the 2009 All Ping! Freshman Team.

NSU's track and field team also saw their fair share of honor this

mens 4x400 teams both made the 2009 All- Louisiana Track and Field

of 13.95 in the 110 ranked him sec-

the 2009 All-Louisiana track and

Junior hurdler Mike Hill's best

field team along side fellow NSU competitors DeJon Griffin, Cody Fillinich and Corey Jones.

Corey Jones was joined by seniors Chris Pearson and Jessica Tuck, and sophomores Andrea Warren and Greg Hall as the five of them made the 2009 Southland Conference All-Academic Teams for track and field and cross country.

The Demons track and field team will try to add to the talent with new recruits, Wayne Douglas, Kirstie Jones, and Joshua Cradell.

All three are standouts in their specialties with Douglas and Jones being champions in their events.

Head Coach Jennifer Graf announced a new face for the lady demons basketball team this summer.

East Mississippi Community college point guard Kottia White will dawn the purple and white as a lady

White's team finished 25-7 in the 2008-09 season and won the Mississippi Association of Junior and Community Colleges (MACJC) North Division regular-season title and NJCAA Region 23 Tournament

The men's basketball team added two junior college standouts, hoping to help the team out.

Head Coach Michael McConathy announced Will Pratt and Devon Baker will be joining the team.

Baker, a junior guard was a first-The Lady Demons 4x100 and team All-Western JUCO Athletic

> Pratt, a 6'5, 220 power forward averaged 10.1 points per game and 5.7 rebounds per game.

For Pratt, the preparation over ond in the state and naming him to the summer has made him really ex-



Photo by Gary Hardamon/The Current Sauce Demetra White looks to lead the Lady Demons back to the SLC



Photo by Gary Hardamon/The Current Sauce Michael Mcconathy (14), along with two new recruits look to get the Demons back on top of the SLC.

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Swine flu scare

University prepares for the worst this flu season.

Academic "Amen"

Two students debate on prayer in school.

Field facelift

With a little help, Turpin Stadium revamps its look.

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New Internet site geared toward students

Shelita Dalton Staff Reporter

Change has been a common theme around NSU lately. There have been building renovations, budget cuts and now a newly redesigned Internet site.

The re-organization of the site is geared toward making navigation and finding information easier for

"I think now, if you are in the role of a student, you can literally go into one section of the site and potentially everything you need is right there," said Phillip Gillis, the associate director of academic services.

Although there have been many changes, Gillis says the site is not complete.

The current design is a part of the first phase, which was completed in early August.

"If you're in the role of a student, if there's not something that you need, we need to fix that, we need to know about it," he said.

To encourage student participation with the Internet site, Gillis said there will be polling, questionnaires and other promptings to the student body to help initiate feedback.

Some students have already chimed in about the new site.

"I think it's nice; I like the pictures," said Tanesha Hamilton, a senior education major. "I like how the buttons go across the screen. It makes things easy to get to."

Junior nursing major Carlesha Patterson added that she also likes the site, but she said it takes her longer to find certain things.

"I was so used to the other site," Patterson said. "I just have to get used to where everything is."



The layout of NSU's new Internet site is meant to be both aesthetically pleasing and easy to navigate, said Phillip Gillis, the associate director of academic services.

Along with student involveto serve the entire NSU community, dar." from the public side, to the faculty.

He says confusion reduction and basic organization were some of the goals in re-creating the Internet

Associate English professor, Julie Kane agrees that the new site is more organized

"I went to the registrar's site and everything was laid out in excellent organization," Kane said.

ment, Gillis says it's also important exam schedule or the fall 2009 calen-

are some things, like the pictures, she misses about the old site.

of the NSU students and the one of downtown Natchitoches," Kane said. "I thought they were very beautiful and presented NSU and Natchitoches in a very good light."

Along with the new Internet site, Gillis explained that he and his about it and respond real quickly."

"You could go right to the final staff are also working on a mobile initiative that will provide an additional method of giving course, fee Kane added, however, that there and general university information via mobile devices.

Gillis says as long as he and his "I loved the [picture] with all staff are positioned to react to the needs and desires of the NSU community, the features set will continue to evolve.

"The needs the students have today, they'll change tomorrow," he said. "So, we're trying to be proactive

The budget set aside for the SGA

In the past, not many students

loan system is around \$66,000 and is

self-sustaining by the means of a \$1

have taken advantage of the loan sys-

tem, but Major said with proper pro-

motion, she believes that will change

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ing an effective online voting system,

improving the university's Demon

Other issues that will be ad-

interest rate, Major said.

this academic year.

Big changes in old department

Joe Cunningham Editor-in-Chief

NSU's department of journalism is underway with the revamp to their curriculum to fit the ever growing and changing media.

Students entering the journalism program when this change takes place would no longer choose a concentration of journalism to study, but instead will go into a media studies program.

The department decided to drop their accreditation and give students a greater freedom in choosing their journalism classes.

The media studies program will tear down the barriers that have existed between broadcast, newsprint and public relations and give students a buffet-style method of learning journalism.

Students already in the program will remain unaffected.

The changes will only apply to incoming students the semester the change is official.

Rather than taking all classes pertaining to broadcast or newsprint, a student will take the department's core courses and then take 21 hours in journalism electives.

It's a huge increase from the six hours of electives current and past journalism students have had to

The electives will include previ-

ously required classes for the different concentrations, like advanced TV reporting and news writing. There is one caveat, according to

Paula Furr, head of the department of journalism. The department can't afford to

hold classes with a low number of students.

"It all depends on student interest," Furr added.

Another change to the program will be a greater emphasis on entertainment technologies.

"We do get a lot of students who want to go into broadcast, but don't want to be in front of a camera," explained associated professor of journalism Mary Brocato.

Furr added to that, explaining that it was something they were hoping to work toward for a while now.

"You could already see in our minor program how we were emphasizing production and all the technologies involved in that."

Essentially, the program offers core classes ranging from media writing to basic television techniques to communication law.

After taking those courses, a student is free to take whatever classes they want (provided there are enough students in the class for it to remain available, as mentioned

"This means that a student can pretty much build their degree," said

The change will take place as of this fall semester, after getting the approval of a board that met on August 25 to review the new curriculum, said Furr.

But a new in-class curriculum isn't the only big change.

The department has already gotten approved for an online/distance learning degree. "There are a lot of students that

want to get a journalism degree, but can't make it to campus because of jobs or their families," Furr said. The online degree program will

be catered to the growing online presence NSU has been working toward over the years.

Between the new online program and the brand new curriculum for on-campus students, the department is making a change

"It's an exciting time for journalism," Furr said.

SGA executive branch getting their feet wet

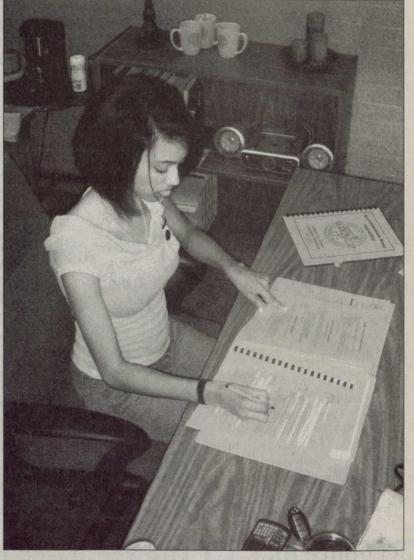


Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce

SGA President Kayla Wingfield said she recognizes that the students in her executive branch are inexperienced, but is confident in each of their abilities.

David Royal News Editor

Due to having a completely new executive board, Student Government Association President Kayla Wingfield said the organization does not plan to tackle any major or controversial issues right off the bat.

"I'm hoping to keep things small at first," Wingfield said.

Wingfield and the rest of the executive board took office last semester, and Wingfield said they are currently taking some time to transition into their new roles.

Because of the work of Cody Bourque, last year's president of SGA, Wingfield said this year the organization will be able to do their jobs more smoothly.

"Cody's executive board and

senate worked out a lot of SGA's internal problems, so this year we can go and really focus on serving the students," Wingfield said.

In their last meeting on Monday, the SGA voted on and approved two bills concerning the duties of the organization's vice president and student loans. The first bill passed, Bill FA09-

001, now gives the SGA vice president the specific duty to serve as a liaison to the university's Recognized Student Organizations. SGA Vice President Mathew

Morrison explained during the meeting that a primary motivator for the bill is the state's cuts in higher education's budget.

Morrison said he feels RSO's need a designated person that the organizations' leaders and members can go to and find answers to any questions they may, in particular pertaining to how the budget cuts will affect the RSO's.

The Senate also passed Bill FA09-002, which increased the maximum amount of money a student can borrow from the SGA's loan system to \$100. The previous maximum was \$75. SGA Treasurer Shanice Major

said she thinks the increase is necessary because the previous maximum of \$75 was set up in the 1980's, and since then, minimum wage has increased significantly. Although some senators were

concerned that increasing the maximum amount might result in students having more trouble paying back the loans, Major said in the past there have been no problems of that nature and that she is confident there will continue to be no problems in

Major added that if a student fails to repay a loan within 30 days a \$5 late fee will be charged, and eventually a hold will be placed on the student's account.

Discount service and increasing Watson Library's hours of operation, Wingfield said. Last year's executive board voted to reduce their own scholarships and give it back to the SGA's budget

to serve the students. When asked if this year's executive board is going to look into doing something similar, Wingfield said that is an issue that she and her executive board have not yet addressed

in great detail. Wingfield said she would personally be willing to give up part of her scholarship next semester, but said she is not sure if the rest of the executive board feels the same way.

"It is something I would like to look into, but it is currently on the backburner to other issues," Wing-

Wingfield explained that the

changes she plans to make this year within the SGA will be subtle and "I don't see anything major that

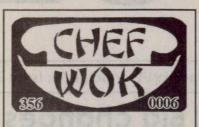
needs to be fixed," Wingfield said. "You are, however, going to see more delegation within the Senate." As of Monday, the SGA is com-

posed of 22 senators, and Wingfield said that although many are new members, they are highly motivated and hard workers. "The Senate has a tremendous

work ethic, which makes me very optimistic about the upcoming year," Wingfield said.

Monday

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Chinese Restaurants in U.S.A.

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1011 Keyser Ave.

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"Halloween 2"

Rated R

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"Inglorious Basterds"

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'Final Destination 4"

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Aladdin's Hookah Café arrives in Natchitoches

Andrew Bordelon Staff Reporter

Good food, good friends and a

This idea might seem unusual to some NSU students and Natchitoches residents, but not to a new entrepreneur in the city, Abdel Muqbel or "Abe."

Muqbel is one of the newest business owners here in Natchitoches with his venture of starting a hookah café on College Avenue in the building next to the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity house.

Aladdin's Hookah Café, as it will be called, is going to be both a restaurant and hookah bar combined.

Muqbel's son, Akram will be assisting him in his new establishment. This is not an unfamiliar establishment to other places such as New York, where Muqbel worked for more than 20 years.

While there, he spent time managing several different nightclubs and also experienced many of the hookah cafes around the areas he

Muqbel says that, "it appeals to the younger generation," and feels that the college crowd in Natchitoches would enjoy such an establishment.

He hopes for the café to be tastefully new to appease to the students

The café will have a nightclub, lounge setting and serve food cooked in the new full-service kitchen that is being constructed in the building.

The food menu will be different than most other restaurants in Natchitoches, offering a more Medi-



"Abe" Muqbel expects to open his hookah bar and restaurant for business in three weeks.

terranean style cuisine, but will still bacco used for smoking hookah. serve American style food and vegetarian dishes.

Prices will be reasonable, and many of the sandwiches and other selections will be under six or seven The hookah will be a bit pricier

than the food; however, it will still be reasonable and served as a wide variety of flavors. The hookahs used at the café

will also be imported from overseas and hand-made, making the experience even more unique.

Aladdin's Hookah Café will serve 30 different flavors of the toMuqbel's services will not only

involve serving hookah products, but also include educating customers about them as well, with facts like the 0% content of nicotine and tar in the tobacco used when smoking

Some students have already expressed an interest in the new café, such as sophomore business major Erin Heider, who said that she, "would give it a try."

Having tried hookah before, Heider said she is not against the idea of Natchitoches having a hookah café, but is interested to see if it

can endure longer than other new businesses have in the city.

Since Louisiana has laws that prohibit the use of any form of tobacco in an establishment that serves food, there will be rooms that are separated from the rest of the café to keep both smokers and non-smokers This is not to say that customers

who choose to enjoy the flavored tobacco products will be cast out while they are there. The rooms used for smoking

hookah will be closed off by windows and a glass doors, so as not to make the customers feel as if they are

being secluded from everyone else.

There will also be air purifiers in the café to ensure there will not be a build-up of smoke that would bother any customers.

The hookah rooms, as well as the rest of the café area, will have big-screen televisions to entertain customers.

Muqbel said he is also planning on scheduling several different events to entice customers, such as an open microphone night for singing, socializing or comedy a comedy

Being the poker player he is, Muqbel also hopes to have poker tournaments there too once he is finished thoroughly checking the legality concerning such events.

A product Muqbel will not be serving though is alcohol.

"I don't drink," Muqbel said. "I would rather not sell alcohol."

He hopes for this to be an alternative spot for students and have a good time without the serving of

He added, however, that he is open to suggestions, and if the majority of his customers have a continuous request for alcohol to be sold then he will probably consider it.

Sophomore early childhood education major Mary Escott is interested in experiencing the new café, but questions whether or not it will "Natchitoches is a college town,"

Escott said. "After they try it at least once, it might not be popular to students if they don't serve alcohol."

Muqbel said he expects Aladdin's Hookah Café to open for business in about three weeks.

'Home, sweet home' for two NSU organizations

Sarah Person Staff Reporter

For the Baptist Collegiate Ministry and the ladies of Phi Mu Fraternity a dream is now a reality with the construction of their new homes away from home.

Phi Mu has relocated next door to the Kappa Sigma Fraternity house. They were located on Greek Hill, but the house was in disrepair according to Phi Mu President Rachel McCali-

Phi Mu still owns the house on Greek Hill, but it is no longer in use. The new location was determined by a lottery Phi Mu entered for a lot on Chaplain's Lake.

Originally, the lot assigned to the sorority was in a location further down from the Kappa Sigma house, McCalister said. "The university told us that if we

would trade lots for the one we are on now they would pave the parking lot, and so we graciously traded," McCalister said. The Kappa Iota chapter here at

NSU has had money gaining interest in an account for many years dedicated to the construction of a new house for the ladies.

With the help of a group of alumni and parents who cosigned for the sorority, the organization was able to begin construction.

"This house would not have been made possible without the help of a great group of alums lead by Miss Angela Lasyone, who has been there every step of the way through the building process," McCalister

National Pan-Hellenic Recruitment is Sept. 4-6 and the house will serve as an asset, but McCaliser notes what really is important.

"Having a new house is a wona house does not make a chapter," McCalister said. "It is the wonderful women belonging to the chapter that help make it a success."

Other members are excited as

Brittany Pippin, Miss Lady of the Bracelet and a Phi Mu, said she is eager for the organization to get settled in the house.

"I am absolutely thrilled about the new Phi Mu house," Pippin said. This is something that Phi Mu has been working towards for many years, and to finally have a place to call our own is really like a dream

The BCM, after having meetings in the Friedman Student Union Alley for four years, now has their own building located at 500 Caspari

The previous BCM building was Watson Library parking lot, between Smoothie King and Campus Corner.

Now, BCM members said they are enthused to have their own space. Amber Evans, Residential Caretaker of the BCM, lives at the building with roommate Ashley Luckett.

Their duties are to keep the building clean and maintained at all times, and that compensates their

Evans said she likes what the BCM represents especially since it is

her home away from home.

"We kind of want to be known as a place where you can come in and have a good atmosphere," Evans said. The BCM is open throughout the day so students came come relax, derful addition for our chapter, but play a game of pool or watch a big screen television. There is also a prayer room that students are wel-

> Phyllis Collins, Administrative Assistant for the BCM, wants everyone to feel welcome and use their building.

"My new saying is 'own the building," Collins said. "I had a student ask to play pool so I told him that it is his building, so take of advantage of it all." Collin's husband, Bill, serves as

Director of the BCM. He attributes success of the BCM to his wife. They keep the BCM running and love the

Bill Collins is glad that the students have a place to gather. "[It is] more than a student

union, not just a meeting facility or a place for leisure," he said.

Before the BCM had this new located across the street from the building, they had to schedule in advance to have meetings in the student union, but now Bill Collins said they are free to meet whenever they

Funds for the building came from Louisiana Baptists as well as the sale of the previous building which sold for \$500,000. The working budget was \$829,000 with every square foot at \$82. Construction was done by Baptist Builders.

The BCM is debt free since the building was paid in cash.



Photos by Sarah Person/ The Current Sauce

Above: The ladies of Phi Mu hope to use their new home as recruiting tool to attract new pledges.

Below: The new BCM building features pool tables, a prayer room and big screen television.



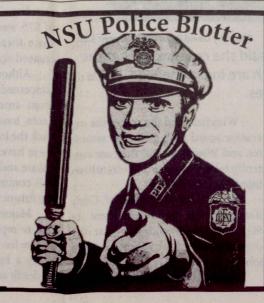
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2:47 p.m. - "One Way" sign by printshop is gone.

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Photo by Shelita Dalton/The Current Sauce The recycling station outside of Kyser Hall.

University's green thumb:

Environmental awarenes at NSU

Shelita Dalton Staff Reporter

The going green trend is alive and well on campus.

NSU has been named one of four charter university members of the Louisiana Department of Environ-Leadership Program.

It all started when Steve Gruesbeck, director of Service-Learning,

Mills who is one of the administrators there [Department of Environmental Qualities Leadership Program], and said he was interested in inviting universities and colleges to participate in the environmental leadership program," he said.

"I think it was toward the end of the Spring 2009 and I had not yet terested in joining the program they heard about the program."

The environmental leadership program is a voluntary program in which colleges, universities, schools and corporations can volunteer to

Members simply agree with the said. philosophy of having a cleaner and better environment for Louisiana.

The program at NSU has been on the move and students are already

noticing the changes.

and recycle bins," said sophomore Tara Luck, a Liberal Arts major in the Scholars College.

"I think it's good and we should do more because there are a lot of According to a press release, easy things that can be done to help the environment."

Gruesbeck says one of the biggest things the program has done so mental Quality's Environmental far was to begin their plans of recycling in the spring of last year.

"During last fall we were quite close to purchasing the bins and then we had the big budget cuts and that "I got a phone call from Nathan was one of the things that got taken off of the table," he said.

"In February, the city began their recycling program and throughout the Spring we worked very hard to figure out ways in which we could find a little bit of money to get the recycling bins on campus."

Grusebeck says if a student is incan simply join by starting.

There isn't a recognized student organization at this time that is strictly Northwestern green; instead it's just a movement that I would like for students to participate in," he

The easiest ways to start participating are to walk more and drive less, recycle and throw plastic paper, aluminum and cardboard into the blue recycling bins that are in each of "I've seen [Going Green] signs the buildings on campus.



Photo by Shelita Dalton/The Current Sauce Director of Service-Learning and Coordinator of the Northwestern Green Initiative Steven Gruesbeck posing i nhis office.

Random Facts

In the average lifetime, a person will walk the equivalent of 5 times around the equator.

The 57 on Heinz ketchup bottles represents the number of varieties of pickles the company once had.

One quater of the bones in your are in your feet.

The word "nerd" was first coined by Dr. Seuss in "If I Ran the Zoo."

courtesy of http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~bingbin/

Sick of bad news?

Student's express concerns

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

"I'm scared," sophomore theater major Cami Ambeau said.

Her words echo many students

With winter and prospects of the flu season right around the corner, many NSU students are afraid of the possible outbreak of the H1N1 virus, most commonly known as

swine influenza. "Colds are spread around dorms all the time," Ambeau added.

Extended press coverage from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is declaring a state of Louisiana pandemic, which is broadcasted frequently, possibly fueling worry within the public.

A recent article published by the New York Times cited a case where most of Tulane University's football team and other members involved with athletics had contracted H1N1 within a week.

The article continues to say, "Health experts say college athletes are perfect candidates for the swine

"NSU has been busy doing its part in preparing for the worst," RN, C and Director of Health Services Stephanie Campbell said.

"We are very concerned about [an outbreak]," Campbell said.

Campbell has been helping with NSU's the Pandemic Infectious Disease Response Plan.

"Currently we are in Phase 3: 'Activated when a suspected or confirmed case(s) of human-to-human transmission of pandemic disease is found in Louisiana, according to the NSU Twitter page (http://alert.nsula. edu/new-twitterpage)," said Camp-

So far, no confirmed cases of students infected with H1N1 have been recorded for NSU."

For the entire state of Louisiana there have been 579 confirmed cases and three deaths, according to the

"I think we are as prepared as we can possibly be," Campbell said.

"Campus housing is not necessarily worried about an outbreak of the virus," CLB Director of Housing Stephanie Dyjack said.

"We're just using general precautions to educate students on what to do. In the event of an outbreak, campus housing would follow orders from NSU or NSU Health Services.

"We of course would do what's best for the community," Dyjack

Dyjack also said University Place staff makes soap or hand sanitizer available in common areas and sanitizes surfaces often.

"They also keep flyers posted around the premises to keep students educated," Dyjack said.

Dyjack also expressed campus housing will be ready to follow any procedure and precautions set down by NSU and Health Services.

"[Currently] no students have expressed any concern about a potential outbreak," Dyjack said.

The National Strategic Stockpile will have vaccinations available to students as soon as possible and they will be free to the students.

"We have an agreement with the state of Louisiana to receive vaccines and distribute them to students, faculty, staff and family members," Campbell said.

Students who think they are experiencing symptoms of H1N1 are urged to visit Health Services immediately. Symptoms are similar to the

regular flu and include fever, cough, sore throat, body aches, headache, "However, in order to be tested

for H1N1 a student must first test

positive for influenza A and be sick

enough to be hospitalized," Camp-"Once a student is confirmed to

have the virus, they will be asked to go home or stay at least six feet away from their roommates."

If a student shows signs of being sick, Health Services may ask a student to remain isolated, a recommendation Campbell says students should take more seriously.

The main difference between the H1N1 virus and the seasonal flu is the age group affected, Campbell

H1N1 generally affect people ages 6 to 26.

In most instances, it is severe or fatal in children six and younger, pregnant women and anyone with underlying health conditions or a compromised immune system.

Anyone can contract the virus just by coming within six feet of an infected person or eating or drinking after them.

Campbell highly encourages students to receive the seasonal flu vaccine as well as the H1N1 vaccine when made available.

"I think students have the power to avoid contracting the disease," Campbell said.

The CDC website assures a vaccine will be available in the fall, but does not provide much information on the vaccine itself.

The CDC are/is also tracking outbreaks of the influenza and posting updates regularly.

Each week CDC analyzes information about influenza disease activity in the United States and publishes findings of key flu indicators in a report called FluView, according to www.cdc.gov.

Also the CDC reported during the week of Aug. 16-22 a review of these key indictors found that influenza activity is either stable, or is increasing in some areas."

The CDC website recommends covering your nose when you sneeze, washing your hands regularly and staying home if you are sick to prevent the spread of germs.

For more information on H1N1 vsit NSU's pandemic site at http:// alert.nsula.edu/pandemic-flu.



Photo Illustration by Tori Ladd/The Current Sauce

According to Director of Health Services Stephanie Campbell, RN-BC

To avoid H1N1:

- ~ Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially before meals
- ~ Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers
- ~ Cough or sneeze into your sleeve
- ~ Avoid sharing food, drinks, or cigarettes
- ~ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth
- ~ Get immunized when a vaccine is available

Symptoms for H1N1:

- ~ Fever over 100 degrees
- ~ Cough or sore throat
- ~ Headache
- ~ Chills
- ~ Body aches
- ~ Fatigue
- ~ Diarrhea and vomiting (occassionaly present)

If you feel sick or think you have any of these symptoms:

- ~ Contact your primary care physician
- ~ Contact Health Services at 318-357-5351 or visit the clinic at 315 Caspari Street
- ~ If your health care provider has advised you that you might have H1N1 Influenza and
- have recommended isolation, contact Health Services at 318-357-5351.

Stay Informed:

- ~ Check NSU's website for news regarding classes, events, and activities.
- ~ Pay attention to official NSU emails regarding the flu.



Photo by Tori Ladd/The Current Sauce

tribute to the initiative is by walking

or riding bikes to class and around

learning opportunities will be avail-

able for students that are interested

in helping the environment, includ-

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will eventually become one of the

many things they promote in the fu-

week of service" in the spring in

conjunction with Keep Natchitoches

community leaders to hopefully

establish new recycling projects.

ect monitors the usage of electricity

in the buildings and will aid NSU in

conserving energy," Gruesbeck said.

renovations and upgrades on the

steam lines are predicted to take

place to renovate and upgrade the

Natchitoches Beautiful and Natchi-

toches Parish Sheriff's Office will be

sponsoring a phone book recycling

event in September for fifth graders

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The City of Natchitoches Keep

"In the future, more service

Freshman Nursing major, Sarah Moody throwing away a plastic bottle in the new blue recycling bin.

Blue bins are in

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

Things around campus are starting to look a little greener, or rather a

Since last fall, the "greenNSU" initiative has been in full swing and finding new ways to make the campus more environmentally friendly.

The latest update in the initiative has been the addition of blue recycling bins around the campus.

Each building has at least one blue bin while buildings with elevators have one per floor.

Faculty members have also been given small desk-side recycling bins so they can practice recycling as well.

Students and faculty will be able to place paper, plastic bottles, aluminum cans and cardboard inside the

"I think faculty and staff are very excited about it," said Steve Gruesbeck, director of service learning

and coordinator of the Northwestern Green Initiative. Currently, the large blue recycling bins are emptied once per

week, though they may be emptied more frequently in the near future depending on their popularity.

Faculty that have the small desk-side bins have to empty them themselves into a large blue one, in lieu of budget cuts.

In conjunction with the blue bins, there are many recycling bins that were adopted last fall by recognized student organizations (RSO) and were spread around campus.

Gruesbeck will be hosting a First Year Success Series Workshop Oct. 29 about the "greenNSU" initiative and will be asking students what "green" means to them.

"I am very interested in figuring out ways we can practice in green themes," Gruesbeck said.

"Other ways students can con-

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Speaks...

Saul Carcamo, forigen echange student from Honduras.

-The enviornment at NSU is socaible. All of the people are very nice.



Hunter Bower, freshman journalism major.

-NSU is pretty cool so far. I'm still trying to get used to campus and college life. I like it so far.

Sauce Vocabulary

Penury pen-u-ry [pen-yuh-ree]

-noun 1. extreme poverty;

destitution. 2. scarcity; dearth; inadequacy; insufficiency.

Synonyms: 1. indigence, need, want.

> Antonyms: 1. wealth.

Sauce's Weekly College Recipe: **College Casserole**

SERVES 6-8 (change servings and units) Ingredients

4 (3 ounce) packages ramen noodles, any flavor

2 ramen noodles, seasoning

2 (10 ounce) cans cream soup, mushroom works the best

4 tablespoons cream cheese

1/2 cup water 1/2 cup beer 1 cup milk 1 cup onion

1 lb ground beef 1 teaspoon red pepper flakes 1 teaspoon chili powder 1 teaspoon of garlic powder

1 lb tater tots, half a pack 1 cup cheese, shredded

Directions

1. Pre-heat oven to 375.

2. In a bowl, combine crushed noodles, seasoning packets, warmed cream cheese, soup, water, beer, milk, onions, red pepper flakes, chili powder and garlic powder. Mix well.

3. Brown meat and drain the grease.

4. Combine meat with noodles mixture.

5. Pour mixture into a 9x13 greased casserole dish.

6. Cover and place in oven, cook for 20 minutes.

7. At the same time cook the tater tots per the instructions, your cooking time may vary due to the temperature differ-

8. After the 20 minutes remove and stir the casserole, top with the tater tots

9. Cook for another 5 minutes uncovered.

10. After the five minutes sprinkle on the cheese.

11. Cook for another 5 minutes uncovered.

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Really extracurricular

Joe Cunninham Editor-In Cheif

Some people go out into their communities to help out those in need. Soup kitchens, recycling and "going green" are great examples of how you can help out your commu-

Some people, like Teresa Havenar, go further than that... or, rather, farther.

Havenar, a social work graduate of NSU in 2007, is currently in Bryanka, Ukraine, teaching young people about HIV/AIDS. Inspired by one of her teachers, Barb Pierce, she decided to do something different

"Mrs. Pierce was always encouraging us to do things differently," Ha-

"I got really interested in HIV/ AIDS awareness and prevention in her economics class." While constructing a 3-D model of Africa for class, she began to "think globally."

"And then, one day, I just decided I wanted to do something before I went to graduate school. So I chose the Peace Corps."

Havenar originally hoped to go to Africa, but she was sent to Ukraine, which has the largest Peace visiting other Corps volunteers, and

Corps program, with approximately 300 volunteers. "I like it, though," she

Havenar is a youth development volunteer, currently teaching Eng-

"However, soon I will be teaching about HIV/AIDS, Human Trafficking and Drug Abuse. I [also] have English clubs every week for students."

Havenar and her students. There are many words in Russian that are also used in English, but have different

"People here make lots of preservatives so thats what I tried to call them when discussing what my mother used to make when I was a child," Havenar explained.

"I later found out my students were laughing because that is actually the word for condom in Russian."

Along with her responsibilities in the classroom, she is also work-

ing hard on a project to build a play--ground in her town. "That will be a memorial to

those who have died as a result of AIDS," she added.

When she's not working with the children, she is attending church,

swimming at the local park. She's also planning on taking

some of her students to an Englishspeaking camp to teach them about HIV/AIDS.

It's a new experience for someone who didn't travel much before her decision to go to Ukraine.

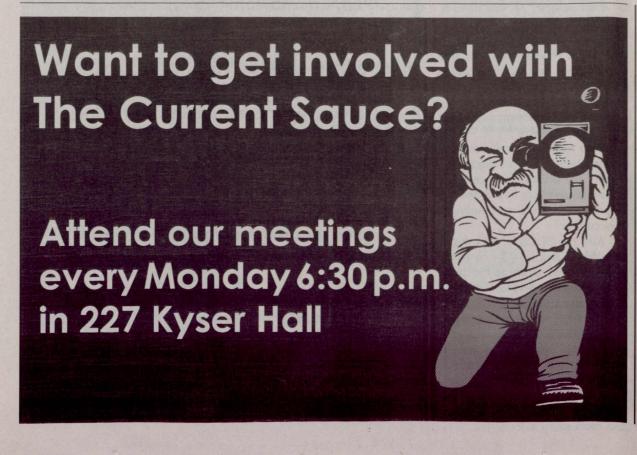
"I had never been outside of the country before. Not even to Mexico."

Now, though, she travels during One of the difficult parts of her some of her free time. She likes to job is the language barrier between drive around the country and went to Prague for a week in May.

Havenar has been in Ukraine for a little over a year and has roughly 11 months left. "I intend to go to graduate school," she said, "but where depends on scholarships."

She is looking into several universities, including Tulane university, Case Western university and the University of Baltimore. She wants to get her master's in social work, specializing in global and international

Former president John Kennedy created the Corps in 1960 to help build relationships with other countries. Since 1960, more than 195,000 volunteers have served, working in 139 countries. The Corps' volunteers working take part in a variety of jobs, ranging from AIDS education to environmental preservation.



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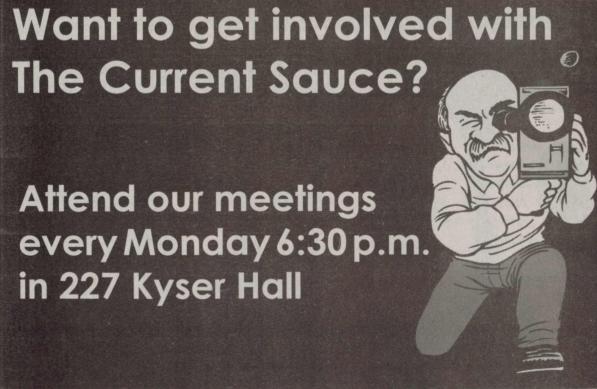
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Be Frank: color outside the lines

Bethany Frank

Opinions Editor

One. Two. Three. It doesn't matter what floor of Kyser I'm on. I always count the third stall from the end when I use the

bathroom. It is so

pathetic that I even get upset when the stall is occupied or out of order or missing toilet paper so I need to use a different one.

It isn't that the stall has the best graffiti or the toilet is remotely cleaner. Hell, they are all pretty much disgusting. But it is a habit.

We all have these quirks or habits we perform daily. Some have to pee in a certain stall, others need to sit in a specific part of the classroom and some need to put a specific shoe on before the other.

There is no explanation for these quirks or habits. They are just what they are.

But there is a difference between exercising a habit and not exercising your mind. As a society, we are adverse to change. We allow ourselves to become consumed in daily expectations and we fail to reach beyond

societal limits.

But who can blame us? that it is wrong to color outside the lines or make the tree blue and the

sky orange. We are raised to accept things as

strength to go outside the lines and make a difference. We think that because we can

quote Robert Frost's "The Road Less to make a difference. Taken" that we have stood up to "the man," when in reality, all we have little bit more. done is misinter-

pret a beautiful "There is a difference between poem and joined exercising a habit and not exercising your mind." There is a

difference between standing up for what you believe in and wearing a shirt because

There are students—not every student, but some-who walk the halls wearing Obama shirts who haven't the foggiest idea what his political platform concerns. There are folks who join every Facebook cause that crosses their desktop but fail to take the time to "pass it forward" or do anything with it.

But maybe that is all it takes.

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Perhaps if everyone wore a Tshirt with a saying or phrase they Since childhood, we are taught know nothing about and joined every Facebook cause out there then the world would be a better place. Perhaps world hunger would end just because you decided to click "acthey are, and we struggle to find the cept" or pay the \$10 at Wal-mart for your political tee.

Perhaps all it takes is the simplicity of a T-shirt or Facebook cause

Or maybe, just maybe, it takes a

You should not go and "fight the bigger fight" because you think you should be

fighting, but you should go and fight a fight worth fighting for. Do more you think it speaks louder than your than become a robot confined by societal limitations. Learn to defy the rules and color outside the lines.

The thing about rules, you should know and learn them. But after you do, you should learn how and when to break them.

My only request: don't color outside the lines when you use the bathroom. Some habits are OK to keep, and no one wants to sit in your

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Opinionated Spirits:

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

After finishing a long shift of work and time-consuming homework, my mouth waters for a cold drink.

A few beers after a long day or a strong whiskey and coke after a stressful ordeal will do the trick. However, some thirsty taste buds and dreadful livers are eluded from this satisfaction when students pull up to the liquor store.

"ID please" is a phrase that will bring heartbreak to any underage college student.

I would certainly consider the US the most advanced country in the world in many aspects, such as haps we would have less of these unour technology,

"The simple cure is education." military and government (for the

most part, of course).

We are, I'm afraid to say, far from advanced in the way we are raised to drink. The drinking culture in America is unique but also confusing. We are considered too immature to drink before we are 21, but we must follow a set of social guidelines to be considered mature once we are of legal age to drink.

It seems as if when a person of legal drinking age continues to have more than one or two drinks, he is

considered to have a problem. So even if a person waits to take a sip of alcohol until he is legally able to drink, he must follow a set of rules about how much he can drink.

Some countries raise their youth in a drinking-friendly environ-

which "Nothing breaks my heart could eliminate the usual curios- more than a happy and slightly if we continue to ity that lingers excessive drinker being called among American the "A" word."

ing with alcohol. So many young Americans grow up with such little knowledge of drinking that it often leads their booze-driven experimentations to have fatal outcomes.

youth when deal-

If we could embrace drinking the way other countries do then per-

derage binging accidents. The consequences of underage drink-

ing curiosity are as productive as an uneducated child playing with matches, but it is also as easy to fix as

The simple cure is education.

Our country's greatest fault when it comes to drinking is our lack of alcohol education. All we seem to learn are the negative aspects of drinking from organizations like Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

According to MADD, in 2007 that often follow it today.

there were approximately 5,000 deaths that were alcohol related. Statistics like this, as well as the lack of details, are useful tools for organizations like MADD to create the negative attitude they wish to portray on indulging in this seemingly

forbidden nectar. We are told that drink more than socially allowed then we are not as mature as we

should be. Some argue to change our national drinking age. I argue to change our national drinking perspective.

The reason America considers it inappropriate to drink in excess is because it is against our norms. Therefore, when someone drinks more than the socially acceptable amount they tend to not be viewed

Nothing breaks my heart more than a happy and slightly excessive drinker being called the "A" word.

If we change our outlook on drinking, however, then perhaps one day we will not view excessive consumption of alcohol with a frown or smirk.

Maybe one day we can view drinking with a more positive, optimistic set of open arms that will do away with the negative undertones

Red vs Blue: Prayer in School

Hunter Bower Guest Columnist

Webster's Dictionary defines prayer as a simple request or petition to God or a god.

It is a person's 24/7 hotline to his or her Creator.

In the past couple of years the government has made it very clear that a student should keep his or her beliefs to themselves.

Our "Founding Fathers" escaped the clutches of a fiery English king to grant their people the freedom to worship "the one" that gave his one and only begotten son for our sins.

This same country in a petition to King George III described that all men, who are created equal, are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights. This country in 1954 proposed and passed before Congress that the words "under God" be added to the Pledge of Al-

Now our government is saying that praying to God in a public place, such as schools, is ethically wrong. It has become pretty obvious that a person's freedom has been violated.

capitol may not "But which authority do we think they have violated rights, rely on—the government but this counor God?" try, which was

founded upon Christian principles, has now become a nation in which God doesn't even matter anymore. Sunday was once a day of rest, but now it has become a day to work a lot, party more and sleep less.

The government has watered down religion so much that people do not answer to God anymore. This country has become a place in which people do what they think is best for themselves and disregard others.

The Bible says to "trust in God

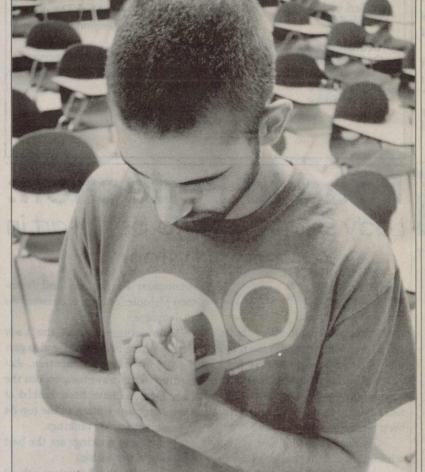


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Some people in our nation's and do not rely on your own understanding."

which authority do we rely onthe government or God?

don't agree with the beliefs of someone else then we should cut them down and take away their freedoms as well. Now we all know that even Christians are not perfect and that we do the same things as well.

But if a teacher wants to lead his or her students in prayer before class they should have that right. If a school wants to say a prayer before a sporting event then they should have

that right. And if you don't agree with it,

B u t then I say you have the freedom to get up out of your seat and walk outside or to walk out of that sports facility and go home.

In the end, all of the fuss and We have been taught that if we arguments will be brought to long drawn out court debates to say that it's not fair for a child to have to listen to a prayer that they don't believe in.

All I pray is for people not to look at the government for guidance, but to look at God for guidance.

All I ask is that you look inside your heart and ask yourself "What is right?" As for politicians, reach into your pocket, pull out a quarter and read the front of it.

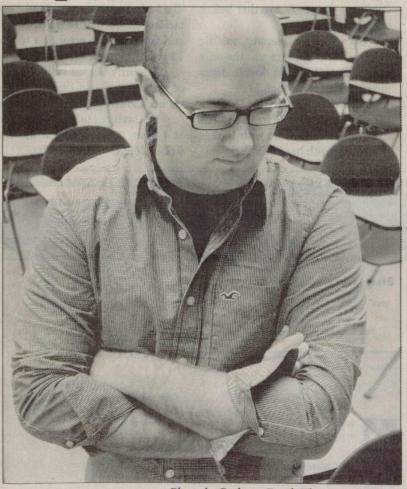


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Heath Boddie Guest Columnist

"Please bow your head for a moment of prayer before the game be-

We all have heard these words spoken at some point in our lives whether being at a little league or high school football game, especially if we hail from a state located below the Mason-Dixon line.

Whether or not this moment of prayer at a publicly funded school event should be allowed or not is something that has been debated in one form or another since the original 13 colonies declared their independence from the British Monarch.

Should the government actively support, or even inactively support, a particular faith over another by allowing the prayer

in public schools to be led by school personnel have their agenda pushed onto and only allowing one particular style of prayer to

be said and not allowing any other? The answer to this is no. The government should not be doing

President Jefferson wrote a letter in 1802 to a group of Baptist Ministers, who were at the time a minority in the state of Connecticut. In his letter to the group he wrote, "Believ-

ter which lies solely between man and his God, that he owes account to none other for his faith or his worship...," showing that religion should be a thing between an individual and their God, not a threesome involving the individual, God and the govern-The First Amendment to the

ing with you that religion is a mat-

United States Constitution states "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

The establishment of religion is being done by schools and by extension the government who funds the public school systems, which allow the prayer to be said at the start of the games or in the classrooms.

Prayer groups and religious organizations, such as Fellowship of Christian Athletes and after school bible study groups, should not be banned and legally cannot be, thankfully, according to the second part of the First Amendment.

But they should not be endorsed by the public school system and have their agenda pushed onto people as a

In taking this particular stance, I feel that I have to say that I am not some atheist who hates the idea of faith and wants the very notion of

organized reli-"They should not be endorsed gion to be done by the public school system and away with by the human race.

> active in my church and ac-

tually start confirmation classes next month in the Episcopal faith.

people as a whole."

I value the civil rights of the individual to make the informed decision on their own about when and where they want to pray and hold worship; not have the government decide for them.

Home Makeover: Turpin Edition

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

In the wake of NSU's financial crisis, there was loss of scholarship funding as well as more than \$700,000 cut from the athletic bud-

So how did we manage to get a new football field?

If you pass by Turpin Stadium, home of Demon Football, you will see more than just a fresh coat of

You will see an entirely new state of the art football field that was installed this summer.

The idea of having a new field at a time where three-fourths of the janitorial staff was cut is making people wonder how the athletic deendeavor.

"The funding for the new turf came from appropriations from the State of Louisiana", said Associate Director of Athletics William Brous-

Broussard also added that there is a pervasive misconception that departments across campus have been defunded in order to prop up the athletic department.

Broussard said that this is patently false.

"Not one dollar of this project was provided from university capital outlay/capital expenditure."

Athletic Director Greg Burke explained that all projects including the scoreboard and fencing projects are all self generated not using university funds.

The \$1 million project also might have not been possible without the help of former Rep. Taylor Townsend and Rep. Gerald Long

"Rep. Townsend got the ball partment got the money for such an rolling for the turf project and Rep. Long got the project to the finish line," Burke said

Burke added that the city of Natchitoches also played a big part

the funding for the project.

The turf project, which many people believe came into being because of the hiring of Coach Brad Peveto, has been in the making for a

The old turf was installed in 2001. Typically the life span of field turf is three to seven years.

"The life time of the old turf was nearing its end and we are responsible for the safety of our athletes,"

Burke went on to say that it's not just for football.

It's a marketing tool for the whole university.

"This is another way for the athletic program to support the mission of NSU and specifically bring students to our campus," Burke said.

For Junior WR Jeremy Jefferson, criminal justice major, the field is faster and feels great when coming in and out of cuts.

Jefferson added that he is really



Photo by Andy Bullard/The Current Sauce

The new Turpin filed after its \$1 million renovation, completed late this summer.

NSU Volleyball off to a rough start

Courtesy of Sports Info:

It wasn't the start Northwestern ers in a contest. State volleyball head coach Brittany Uffelman wanted to open the season, but after the team's 3-0 loss to Louisiana Tech, the fourth year head coach did see some good things.

"There really were a lot of good things to take out of this match," said Uffelman. "I was really impressed with our freshmen and newcomers. Now we just need to see what lineup is going to work best for us."

Uffelman played 10 players. An 11th, returning starter Markie Robichau, missed the game due to a violation of team rules.

Last year, the Lady Demons rarely played more than seven play- game with four matches under its

That just goes to show the level of talent and competition this year's squad has.

"It's really nice to be able to have sters with 10 kills. depth on the bench," said Uffelman. conference starts."

On Tuesday, senior middle blocker Yelena Enwere was the only Lady Demon to get in double-digits in kills with a team-high 11.

Senior setter Megan Dockery added 27 assists while freshman Nicole Hajka led the team with 10 digs to go along with her five kills.

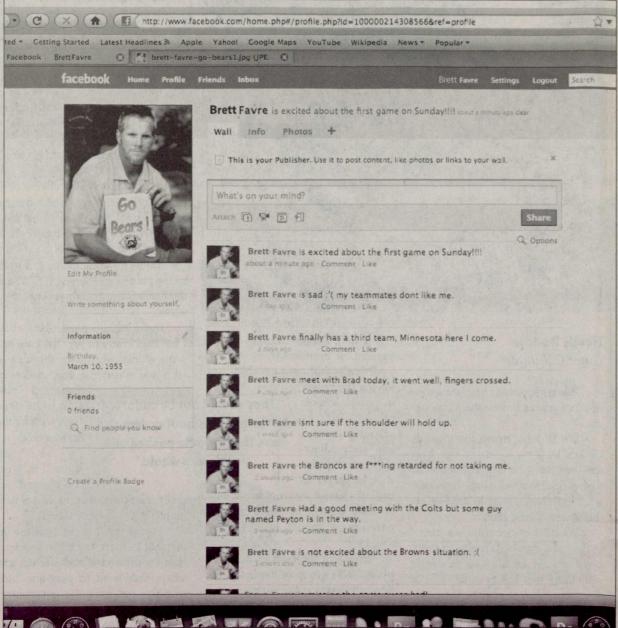
Tech (4-1), which entered the belt, won the first two sets by 25-21 and 25-22 scores, then rallied from an 8-2 deficit to win 25-18.

Kassia Pinto led the Lady Tech-

NSU helped out in many ways. "We'll get the pieces together before The Lady Demons committed 27 attacking errors, had 11 service errors and five reception errors - a total of 43 points spotting to the visitors.

"It's early but we still have a lot of work to do," said Uffelman. "But we need to see what gels best for us."

NSU returns to action on Friday at 4 when it opens play at the Oral Roberts Classic against Tulsa.





The old Trupin Field being torn up in preperation of the new field.

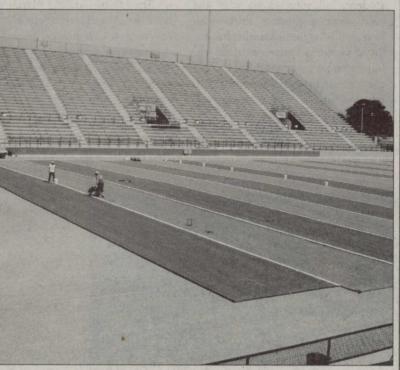


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Turpin Stadium mid-transition from old to new.

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Lady Demons off to best start in school history

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

Sports Editor

Perfection is something that all sports teams strive for, it's the reason they play the game, to be perfect.

Well through four games of the season the Lady Demons Soccer team has done just that. They have been perfect.

On its way to the best start in school history NSU has been perfect in everyway, by being tied for the lead in the NCAA with a 0.00 goals against average.

This in part is because of the stellar play of junior goalkeeper Lindy Strahan. Strahan has played in 289 minutes and has seven saves in that timeframe.

"Lindy has been playing extremely well for us in goal," head coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "Our entire defense has been playing well."

While the defense has been playing lights out, the offense has certainly held its own, scoring 16 goals in the four game stretch.

In those 16 goals the Lady Demons already have five players with multiple goals; seniors Chelsey Gibbs and Mandy Hall bath have three.

While, junior Meghan Hunter,

sophomore Kayla King and freshmen Melodie Johnson each have two goals apiece.

This winning streak the Lady Demons have been on have also garnered some national attention. According to topdrawersoccer.com the Lady Demons have been ranked at 63 in Monday's edition of the top 64 tournament weekly rankings.

These rankings are the best 64 teams in the nation.

The only other Louisiana school to reach the top 64 is the Grambling Tigers, which NSU defeated 2-0.

They also defeated Jackson State 4-0, Louisiana-Monroe 5-0 and Southern University 6-0.

The Lady Demons still have a bit of a test ahead of them before they start Southland Conference play.

NSU will play host to Mississippi State this coming Sunday, and on Sept. 13 they will host the fifteenth ranked Oklahoma State here at the Demon Soccer Complex.

Also, they will play the Lady Tigers of Grambling one more time in the Lamar Invitational.

The Lady Demons will be in action this Friday in Lafayette, taking on the University of Louisiana-La-

BS'in with My bad

Andy Bullard Sports Editor



If there is one thing that have learned in my limited years on this planet, it's that you can't please everyone and that you can't

remember everything.

Both of which are very true but aren't a reason for my ignorance and memory loss in last issue's paper.

It was brought to my attention, that in my last column I left out a very vital team to the NSU athletic family: the cross country team.

I have nothing to say except I am sorry for my ignorance of not including them in the previous col-

Having said that, it is my promise to the fans, players and coaches of the cross country team, that as editor of this fine paper's sports section I will do better to include them and I'm going to start right now.

I'm going to start by commending those that are on the cross coun-

They run those freakishly amount of miles and miles. To be honest I have a hard time running to the bathroom, much less miles on

So, by no means was my forgetfulness of the cross country team in last week's column a sleight to their skills. Anyway, back on point.

The NSU cross country has set itself up for a good season. Anytime that you can add great talent to your current team and only lose one standout, the following season looks good for you.

Yes, the loss of Chris Pearson is definitely not a good thing, but some of the freshmen coming in should do a good job in replacing him.

One of the stud freshmen coming in is Karensa Ellis from Alexandria Senior High School.

Ellis was the All-Cenla Cross

Country MVP and made the All-State Cross Country Team last fall. She ran second in Class 4A in

the 2008 state cross country meet hosted by Northwestern, running a 19:01 time at the Walter Ledet Track Complex. She also tripled in the state out-

door track meet last year, qualifying in the 800, 1600, and 3200 meters. She was second at the state

meet in the 1600 (5:17.34) and 3200 (12:21.17) last year, and took fifth in A few other additions to the

cross country team is New Orleans

Archbishop Shaw's Andrew "Kyle"

Lessing, who finished third in the 5A cross country meet last year. Those are just a few of the several incoming freshmen that should

bolster the cross country roster. So with all that said, I expect good things from the cross country

team this fall. Their season begins this Friday as they travel to Lake Charles for the

Now, on to my second flub already in this very young Sauce sea-

McNeese Cowboy Relay.

As you know, we have a new head coach, and his name is Bradley Dale Peveto. Not Pevetoe, Pevato, Pevatoe or any other way I could possibly misspell his name. So, to Coach Peveto I am very sorry for ut-

Anyway, I do appreciate the emails that I received. I really do appreciate them even if it means that I

terly butchering your name.

Don't get me wrong nice e-mails are good to, so write those as well, but definitely let me know if I mess things up because I'm not perfect. So keep those e-mails rolling in.

Also, my last side note I promise because I'm almost out of room, but I do want to thank my fearless leader Joe Cunningham and our wonderful layout editor Jorge Cantu for helping me put together the Favre pic.

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This week Swine flu strikes students

David Royal News Editor

As of Tuesday, an estimate of 60 NSU students have been diagnosed with the H1N1 virus, said Stephanie Campbell, the university's director of health services.

Employees at NSU Health Services made their first diagnosis Friday, and by the end of the day had identified 30 students with the H1N1 virus, or swine influenza, Campbell

"We're seeing new cases of the

Three major areas that have been infected most are athletics, Greek life and the NSU Army ROTC program,

Thus far, there have been no severe or deadly cases of swine flu with NSU students, but many infected students have experienced strong

"The students that have gotten [swine flu] have felt very sick, but they will at least get over it," Camp-

The students that have been infected so far have been overall healthy, which has resulted in no severe cases.

If the swine flu spreads to a pregnant female or a person already possessing an underlying health condition, however, Campbell explained that they would possibly be unable to fight of the virus effectively and could die.

Dustin Vandersypen, a sophomore criminal justice major, said he

Although she said she could not be sure because some students have gone to personal doctors, Campbell said she thinks it is safe to say the number of infected students on campus has doubled over the Labor Day

virus everyday," Campbell said.

Campbell explained that the students that are being affected the most by the virus are those in large organizations.

symptoms, Campbell said.

bell said.



A NSU student seeks care from NSU Health Services in the midst of H1N1 virus outbreak on campus.

began feeling sick last week and went the right steps to isolate his or her to a medical clinic in his hometown self from others. of Pineville on Friday, where he was diagnosed with swine flu.

included a fever, sore throat and ach- acts of students.

"It's the worst I've ever felt," Vandersypen said.

now after taking medication, and hopes to return to his classes within the next couple of days.

one of the students living at University Place Phase II that did not take

Campbell agreed the rapid spread of the virus on campus is due Vandersypen said his symptoms to the carelessness and unhealthy

not following the recommendations CDC, Campbell said. that were put out by NSU Health He said he feels much better Services and the Centers for Disease actually being tested for the virus Control and Prevention.

taking proper precautions by wash- Services is simply treating the indi-Vandersypen added that he sus- ing and sanitizing their hands and vidual symptoms of less serious caspects he contracted the virus from separating themselves from others es. after becoming infected, Campbell

"I cannot stress enough how important it is to wash your hands and keep your distance from people," Campbell said.

NSU Health Services is currently following the recommenda-She said she thinks students are tions and procedures outlined by the

She said that the only people are those experiencing severe symp-In particular, students are not toms, and added that NSU Health does not see the spread of the virus

> Campbell strongly suggests that students go to http://alert.nsula.edu

to view NSU's Pandemic Plan concerning the swine flu.

As of right now, there are no plans to cancel any classes due to the spread of the swine flu, Campbell said.

The percentage of absences must be much greater before any cancellations will be considered, she

Campbell added, however, she ceasing anytime soon.

"This is a very contagious virus, and I'm concerned it will continue to spread if students don't become more cautious," Campbell said.

Demons' basketball player involved in near-fatal car crash



Dwayne Watkins, sophomore guard for the NSU basketball team is currently recovering from a serious car collision.

ShaRhonda Williams

Sauce Reporter

Instead of relaxing after a hectic first week of classes, a Demons' basketball player finished his week in the hospital after being injured in an automobile accident in Opelousas.

Dwayne Watkins, sophomore guard, was injured in an automobile accident while driving home for the weekend on Aug. 28.

Watkins is in stable condition, but was in ICU on a respirator at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette for about a week, Demons' head coach Mike McCona-

"Doctors have indicated that he should have a full recovery, but there are no guarantees," McConathy said. Watkins' accident occurred

north of Opelousas on I-49. According to McConathy, he

left Natchitoches at 1:00 p.m. and the collision took place at approximately 3:00 p.m. It was 6:30 p.m. before Mc-Conathy and the team heard about

the collision.

The injuries he sustained are assumed to be caused by his not wearing his seat belt since he was thrown from the vehicle, McConathy said.

Watkins suffered two fractured vertebrae in his spinal column, bruised lungs and head injuries, according to an article on nsudemons.

"As we met on Friday night after the news got to Natchitoches and [we] prayed for the will of God to be with him, I could tell the players were very anxious and wanted to try to help him," McConathy said. "He is a tremendous young man that everyone loves and cares a great deal

hospital the following Sunday. Aramie Brooks, senior forward, said, it was a lot to take in, and some of the players were very emotional.

"I'm praying that Dwayne makes a full recovery. He is a great asset to the team, as well as a friend," Brooks

According to Demons' athletic

Internet site, Watkins came to NSU from Independence High School at Tickfaw, La. There, he was a secondteam Class 3A All-State as a senior, averaging 24.5 points per game.

"[He is] the ultimate steal. He has that extra gear that we have not seen since Michael Byars-Dawson," McConathy said. At NSU, Watkins averaged 6.6

minutes per game playing time and has an overall 31 points for the 08-09 basketball season.

Watkins was cleared Aug. 18 to resume normal basketball workouts after sustaining a knee injury in last season's loss to Miami (Ohio) Dec.

On the website, McConathy The team visited Watkins at the said: "Dwayne was well ahead of schedule on his return after his knee surgery and he was going to be a very dynamic part of our team this season. Everyone who has been around him admires him for how he responded to that situation and I'm sure that same kind of courage and work ethic will help him as he recovers this time."

Alternative Certification Program awarded top honors

Sarah Person

Staff Reporter

The Louisiana Board of Regents recently recognized NSU's College of Education for their teachers' outstanding work in the Alternative Certification Program.

highest categories of the Louisiana Teacher Preparation Value- Added Assessment Report.

ster explained that the program

is designed for people who have a bachelor's degree in a specific area, but want to be teachers.

McAlister said ACP is a valuable asset to the university that is filled with capable and competent stu-

"We're very proud of how our The program ranked in the two students are positively affecting children's learning and how their hard work is paying off," McAlister said.

One can get their Masters of ACP Adviser Kimberly McAli- Arts in Teaching with two different tracks available.

The Practioner's track is offered, which is one year of intense study with nine hours in the summer, six hours in the fall and six hours in the

Professional Studies track is the second, which consists of a threeyear, fully online program.

Assistant Professor in Education Martha Rhymes said she was skeptical at first about the program since it is a lot of work in a short time, but she said she was quickly proven

and experience in life that [partici- ness of impact and the teacher preppants] can bring to the classroom," Rhymes said.

According to the Board of Regents, universities are judged on three different levels with the Value-Added Teacher Preparation Pro-

Level one measured the program's effectiveness of planning and the redesign of teacher preparation programs, level two measured the effectiveness of implementation and

"I was so amazed at the intellect level three measured the effectivearation accountability system.

> Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Lisa Abney commended their

"It is very exciting to get this report on the College of Education,"

"It is one of our legacy programs since Northwestern used to be a teaching college, also know as a Normal School, to train teachers."



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Library staff, SGA seek compromise

David Royal

News Editor

Due to an inadequate number of staff and lack of student use, the Watson Library faculty opted over the summer to close the facility on

The SGA, however, is working to find a way to allow the library to still be available to students seven days a week.

SGA President Kayla Wingfield said she feels that the library is a service granted to the students and that it should be made available to them as much as possible.

Students need a place they can study and do school work, she said.

"I feel strongly about this issue because I know what it feels like to have a large assignment and no means to complete it," Wingfield

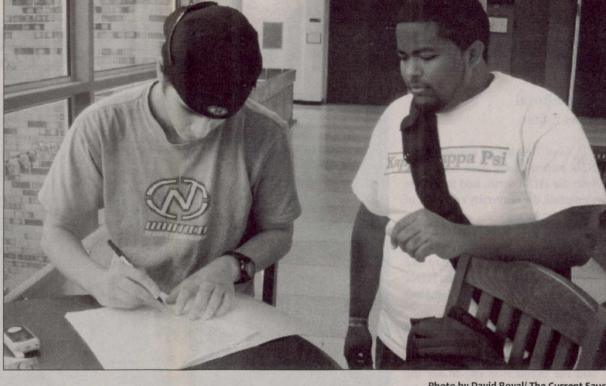
To show that the student body cares for the issue as well, the SGA Senate had students sign a petition.

Wingfield explained that for university officials to recognize a petition, at least 10 percent of the student body must sign, which is roughly 350 students in accordance to last year's attendance numbers.

As of yesterday, the SGA was able to obtain 532 signatures, Wing-

Wingfield said she now intends to meet with Lisa Abney, the acting provost and vice president for academic and student affairs, and show her the petition.

She added, however, that she realizes the petition will not be the solution to the problem, but hopefully



SGA Secretary Demarcus Carlin seeks out signature from freshman business management major Andrew Jeansonne for a petition to re-open Watson Library on Saturdays.

it will show that there needs to be a days a week. change.

"I have respect for the staff and over the summer. their needs, but I'm here for the students," Wingfield said.

Abbie Landry, the interim director of libraries, said the situation, however, is not that simple. "I appreciate the students' feel-

ings, but the real bottom line is that students just aren't using the library on Saturdays," Landry said. Landry said that the library sim-

ply no longer has enough qualified faculty to keep it operating seven

The library staff had two losses

One faculty member retired and Director of Libraries Fleming Thomas died, leaving two unfilled holes and only five qualified faculty in Landry's staff.

There must be at least one faculty member present to manage the library's operations and supervise, and in order for this to take place, employees would have to work up to 12 days straight, Landry explained.

Landry said she tried her best

not to make the change, but felt it was necessary.

"This was probably one of the hardest decisions I ever had to make," Landry said. Knowing that a day had to be

cut, Landry said she logically wanted to choose a day with the lowest amount of users or "gate count." The numbers show that the gate

count is drastically smaller on Saturdays in comparison to the other six

Last fiscal year when the library was open on Saturdays from 10:00

a.m. to 5:00 p.m., only 3,372 students entered the library on Saturday for the entire year.

Monday thru Thursday all had over 20,000 students each enter for

The day with the closest figure to Saturday's figure was Sunday, which still had over 3,000 more students.

With such a low gate count, Landry said it is too inefficient to allow the library to stay open with its typical operations and added that is unfair to treat her and her faculty as glorified study hall monitors.

Wingfield, however, said she and the Senate understand this and are willing to work with Landry to come up with a compromise.

Currently, the SGA's primary idea is to model after Grambling State University's library system.

Wingfield said she would like to investigate the option of the university funding two trained security guards, who would supervise and watch over the library and the equipment inside on Saturdays.

This would allow the library's staff to still have a day off.

Landry said if all the details could be worked out to ensure that there are no liability and security issues, then she would be willing to work with the SGA and NSU officials on this plan.

If a plan cannot be worked out to have the library re-opened on Saturdays, then Wingfield said the SGA will look into trying to at least have Friedman Student Union opened for students.

"Something has to be done for the students," Wingfield said. "That's the bottom line."

Faculty receive tenure, promotions

Sarah Person Staff Reporter

NSU rewarded distinguished faculty members with recent promo-

tions and tenure. Acting Provost and Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs Lisa Abney said she is proud of

in and outside the classroom. "I'm so excited to see these fine faculty be recognized for their accomplishments," Abney said.

these faculty members for their work

For the 2009-10 school year, 14 faculty members will receive tenure and 20 will be promoted, according to a letter from NSU President Randall Webb.

Abney said these promoted and tenured faculty members have worked hard to reach their goals.

Faculty members are judged on other aspects besides their teaching, which can include community and university service, scholarly research and even published works.

The faculty handbook states that to be eligible for promotion to the rank of professor, a person must

least five years of full-time teaching at the level of associate professor.

Dance Scott Burrell was one of the cherish what they have gained. fortunate faculty members to be promoted to the rank of professor, which is the highest one can receive.

Burrell has been at NSU for 12 years and said he is honored to receive his new title.

"I'm really thankful that the committee found me worthy," Burrell He said 15 years ago he would

not have thought he would have received this title. "I'm proud of myself because it takes a bit of work and dedication to

get this spot," Burrell said. Burrell explained that the propromotion was rigorous.

since I am judged on several things such as student evaluations, letters Kilpatrick spoke." of support, and the committees depromotion", Burrell said.

hold a terminal degree and have at titles of associate and assistant pro-

Abney said she is confident that Coordinator of Theatre and the new 14 tenured faculty member

"Tenure is a property right, seal of approval that we want to keep you around," Abney said. Assistant Professor in Communications John Foster is one of the 14

Foster, a former NSU student, cherished words from his former NSU president when deciding on whether to come to work at the uni-

tenured faculty members this school

versity years ago. "He basically told me to work hard, be good to the school, do what needs to be done and the university will ultimately be good to you," Foscess in which he was judged for his ter said. "I certainly believe that after the years of teaching and working "It is a lot of effort to prepare to gain my doctorate, tenure is one of those good things about which Dr.

Promoted and tenured faculty cision whether I'm worthy or not of members normally receive a pay raise, but due to budget cuts, there Other promotions included the will not be monetary recognition.

NSU Police Blotter

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- ~ Wash your hands often with soap and water, especially before meals
- ~ Use alcohol-based hand sanitizers ~ Cough or sneeze into your sleeve
- ~ Avoid sharing food, drinks, or cigarettes
- ~ Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth ~ Get immunized when a vaccine is available

- Symptoms for H1N1: ~ Fever over 100 degrees
- ~ Cough or sore throat
- ~ Headache
- ~ Chills
- ~ Body aches
- ~ Fatigue
- ~ Diarrhea and vomiting (occassionaly present)

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- ~ Contact your primary care physician
- ~ Contact Health Services at 318-357-5351 or visit the clinic at 315 Caspari Street
- ~ If your health care provider has advised you that you might have H1N1 Influenza and
- have recommended isolation, contact Health Services at 318-357-5351.

Stay Informed:

- ~ Check NSU's website for news regarding classes, events, and activities.
- ~ Pay attention to official NSU emails regarding the flu.

Theater ready for successful year

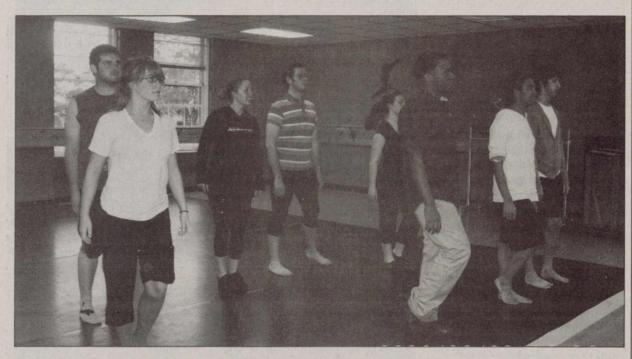


Photo by Casey Reynolds/The Current Sauce

The students preparing for their first show, Shoolhouse Rock Live!

Casey Reynolds Sauce Reporter

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The NSU theater department has a rockin' line-up planned for the fall semester.

The department is starting the semester with Schoolhouse Rock, Live! It is based on the educational cartoon television series that ran from 1973-1985. The show will run Sept. 25-27 and Oct. 1-3 in A.A.

Junior musical theater major Becca Brown said the nine-person cast ranges from sophomores to fifth year seniors. Rehearsals began the Saturday before classes started.

"I swear this show is a complete cardio and muscle strengthening work-out," Brown said "It's fun and

silly and if it looks easy, then we are gin soon after Schoolhouse Rock Live! truly a cast of incredible actors."

Featured songs will include: "A Noun is a Person, Place or Thing", "Unpack your Adjectives", "and Connet", "Just a Bill" and more.

Almost, Maine is next for the start in the next few weeks, and the show will run Oct. 22-24 and 28-31 mester, Brown said. in Theatre West.

romantic, yet humorous play about love in a small town," said sophomore musical theater major Cami

The Merry Widow, an operetta, will be an effort between the theater and dance department and the music departments. Rehearsals will be-

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position.

The semester will close with the 125th annual Christmas Gala.

"I'm really excited for this sejunction Junction", "Interplanet Ja- mester. It's going to be a great season," said Ambeau.

NSU will also be hosting the theater department. Rehearsals will Ameri can College Dance Festival Association for the first time next se-

'This is huge! We are opening it "It is a remarkably sweet and up to the entire country, which is a first I believe," she added.

Brown encourages everyone to go support the performers and technicians involved in this falls activi-

"Come spend an evening with us! Just sit back, relax and enjoy the ride. You won't regret it!"



Photo by Shelita Dalton/The Current Sauce

From left to right, Carl Jones, the vice president for business affairs, Lisa Abney, the provost and vice president for academic and student affairs, and President Randall Webb.

Administration reassures: Calming the students

Shelita Dalton Sauce Reporter

Amid recent budget cuts and student anxiety, the administration assures that there is no need to wor-

"We just want to make sure students know we're still in business," said Lisa Abney, provost and vice president for academic and student

"We've still got paper, pens and chalk; you know all of the things student's need to learn."

However, if there is a perceived need by a faculty member, she said the department head should be notified as soon as possible.

Abney added that a good thing about these times is that people are willing to help each other.

"Departments are willing to share resources and that'll go a long way in making sure students get the same level of quality that they're used to getting," she said.

President Randall Webb says that although these are times they would rather avoid, NSU will continue to move forward.

"We will continue to look for things that are cost savings at every turn and we're looking at a number of things in that regard," he said.

dents at this point. He added that a high priority is

placed on meeting the needs of students and helping them become successful in college as long as they do

"This means students should attend all classes, study, turn in work when it's assigned and do all the instructor expects of them," he said. The recent cuts have taken a toll

on NSU across the board, including athletics as well as custodial servic-Webb says one of the most dif-

ficult things about the cuts has been the hiring freeze. So far, 62 positions have been frozen. The administration assures that

even with the changes and readjustments, students can be sure that everything will be fine.

However, if they do perceive have a voice and they are listened to.

a problem they can always come to them about it.

"I actually just got an email from a student not long ago, concerned about the status of the university and Webb says one of his desires is I wrote her back and said, 'you know, for faculty and staff not to let this we're fine, we're open for business, budget cut be a problem for the stu- we're not shutting down, and we're not converting to a different kind of university,," said Abney.

"We're here, we're still going on and we encourage students not to listen to those rumors that float around and again to come and get the information [from us]."

Carl Jones, the vice president for business affairs added that students also have a voice through other avenues, including the Student Government Association.

"That would be one way for our student leadership and the students working together at every university and every management board level at the Regents level to share their concerns for the budgets cuts and the hard economic times of higher education in the state," he said.

He says that by design the students in higher education in the state

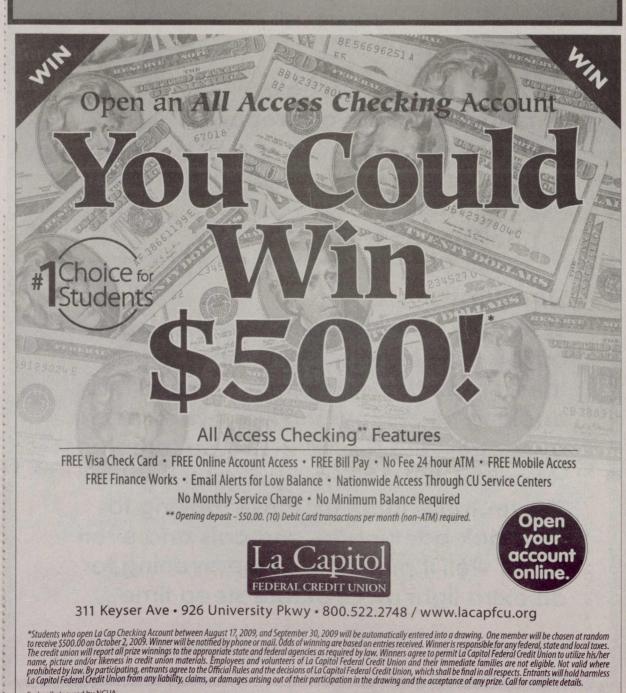




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Even with the recent budget cuts, the administration says there's no need for panic

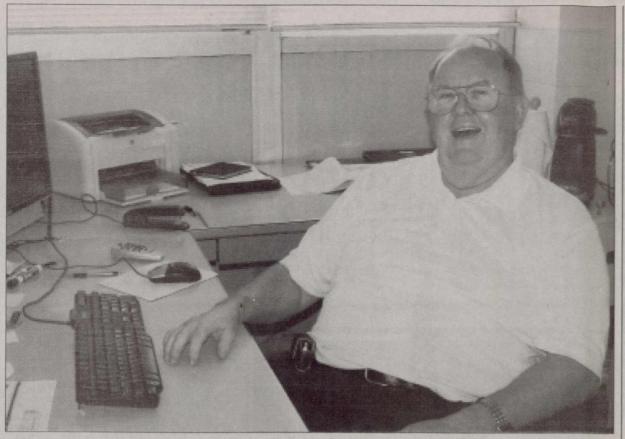


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Professor of Mathematics Thomas Hanson sitting at his desk.

Hanson returns to classroom

Mary Jordan Sauce Reporter

Thomas Hanson was recently honored for his services after almost five years as provost and vice president of academic and student affairs.

On Aug. 17, Lisa Abney was named as acting provost and vice president of academic and student affairs so he could get back to what he loved most. Teaching.

Hanson always knew he would be a professor of mathematics one

His career started in 1968 at the University of Florida.

Five years later, with a wife and two children to think about, he left his position to work for International Business Machiness (IBM) and later a manufacturing company in New Jersey.

He may not have been at a university for a number of years, but he always knew he would return to

teaching full time one day. That day came in May of 1990 when he was intereviewed for a

mathematics teaching position here Hanson knew he would accept

if they offered him the job. He made his decision because

he was enamored with the town and the people here at NSU. "I have had the privilege of

knowing Dr. Tom Hanson ever since he was hired in 1990 as a mathematics teacher for Northwestern," said NSU President Randall Webb.

"He and I became friends early on and have maintained the friendship through the years," Webb said.

Since May of 1990, Hanson has had a successful career, not only as a professor of mathematics, but also as provost and vice president of academic and student affiars.

the good fight for the ones who matter to him most (besides his family of course), his students.

According to the NSU website, Hanson was a key member in the development and implementation of five new degrees and one new con-

He led the university through several successful program accreditation reviews and the university's regional accreditation reaffirmation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

He has also led the university to more than doubling its articulation and two- plus- two agreements with technical and community colleges.

This includes the integration of Bossier Parish Community College into the university community here at NSU and at the Leesville campus.

Hanson was also instrumental in the development of a partnership with Barksdale Air Force Base for the offering of on-site classes that began this semester.

The Office of Service Learning was also created under his leadership and he was a key participant in the development of partnerships between the NSU College of Nursing and several regional hospitals.

This allowed NSU to increase the number of clinical spaces available for nursing students, and increased the number of full-time faculty in the college.

He has been a professor of mathematics and a NSU faculty member since 1990. From 1996 to 2000, he was the dean of Graduate Studies and Research.

Hanson was also the former president and vice president of the NSU faculty senate, and has been the

director of information systems. With all of these accomplish-

Since 2005, he has been fighting ments under his belt, you would expect him to brag about himself, but that is just not the case.

"I didn't do it alone," he said.

Hanson said he loves being back in the classroom where he feels he has always belonged.

"He has always been a dedicated teacher, and I am sure all his students will benefit from his attention to their education," said Frank Serio, head of the department of math-

"I enjoy being in his class and we learn a lot everyday," said freshmen biology major Shelby Brown. "He's a good teacher."

"He gets right to the point all the time," said Marykate Parker, also a freshmen biology major.

Hanson said he is happy where he is, and with the new freedoms that come with the job he loves so much. He now has the time to spend with

However, there was one issue he had hoped to have resolved before leaving the provost position.

The final approval for a post -graduate degree in criminal justice and homeland security had not come through before he returned to the classroom.

"It will come to pass," Hanson said. "I fully intend to be in the boardroom when that item comes up for dicussion."

As for Abney, who is acting as provost and vice president of academic and student affairs, Hanson thinks she'll do an excellent job.

"Dr. Webb made a good choice." Ultimately, Hanson said he plans to stay in the classroom until the point he feels he is ready to retire.

"I am happy with what we got done, and the direction and the university moved while I was provost,"

Debates spark in Union

Amanda Duncil Sauce Reporter

Students hanging out in Friedman Student Union last Thursday around lunch were able to witness the first public debate of the year.

Assistant Professor Jon Croghan and senior liberal arts and political science major Paul Shelton debated the topic of Walt Disney Disney Co., buying Marvel Entertainment Inc.

Approximately 40 students watched the public debate and many participated by asking questions.

According to Yahoo! News, the Disney bought Marvel, for \$4 billion on August 31, Yahoo! News says.

Shelton took the side of Disney buying out the comic franchise, saying the deal would have more benefits than drawbacks.

"Marvel has the best superheroes and super villains," Shelton said. Shelton said that Disney would

have more money to spend working on movies, especially since they would not have to pay for the right to use the characters.

Creator of Marvel Stan Lee will have a say in the movie scripts, making it less likely for Disney to destroy his work.

Shelton also pitched the idea for a few possible Disney/Marvel crossover movies, including Xavier's High School Musical and Toy Story-Marvel action figure style.

Cheaper is not always better, Croghan said. He added that Disney is known for destroying storylines,



Photo by Amanda Duncil/The Current Sauce Student gathered around to listen to the public debate on

Disney buying Marvel.

rytales on which many of Disney's princess movies are based. Disney would probably create a "cleaned up, beautiful world" from the Marvel stories, he added. Croghan also noted that Disney seems to disempower example, pointing out that each had to be saved by a man.

"I enjoyed it," senior graphic communications major Josh Midcliff said. "I'm a big supporter of Marvel staying separate, but [Shelton's] argument for Disney made you think." In the end, more students took the side of Croghan.

"I think [the debate] did great," we've had more interest with speech

Since school started, the team has al-fun.

such as the original Grimms' Fai- ready gained 10 new members, Shel-

In the past, turnout at public debates has been low. Using the Union allows them to reach a larger amount of students, Shelton said.

The debate team will try to host women. He used the princesses as an at least one public debate a month, Shelton said. The team is signed up to compete in two tournaments in the fall and three in the spring.

In addition to competing, the team will host a high school debate in Kyser Hall in the spring. They have hosted this debate twice in the past and expect an estimated 17 schools to participate, Shelton said.

"It was interesting trying to Shelton said afterward. "This year run a high school with seven people working," Shelton said.

Shelton said it was hectic but

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Sauce's Weekly College Recipe: Veggie Delight

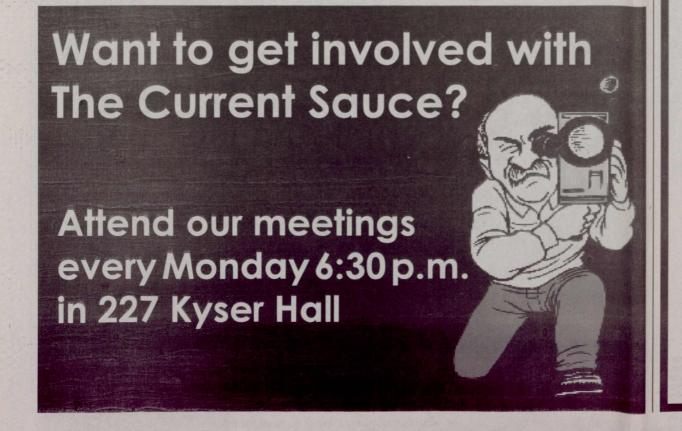
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Directions

Scramble all ingredients together into a nice fluffy texture. Remember to add the eggs at the last minute to avoid over cooking them. Pour mixture over sliced avocados and top w/ 2-3 roma tomatoes w/ a light salad dressing of your choice! This recipe is ideal for those looking to cut back back carbs and cals and even works well if prepared in the evening for an extra light meal before sleep time....

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Who's on "fire" this season?

Casey Renyolds Sauce Reporter

While some students spent their summer working in a restaurant or taking a couple of extra classes, Ford Haeuser was dancing with fire.

Haeuser, from Covington, Texas, is a senior fine and performing arts major in the Louisiana Scholar's

Haeuser was the feature per-

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former in the fire dance scene in the Southeastern Theatre Company's production, Texas! A Musical Dra-

The show was based in Palo Duro Canyon, Texas.

The outdoor dramatic love story about a cattleman's daughter and a farmer's son is set in the 1800s said the NSU Internet site.

He volunteered for the role as a fire dancer. "It was a very Zen expe-

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rience," he said.

Haueser received the Elise Carlton scholarship from the theater

It was one of 14 name scholarships given.

To fund the scholarships booths were set out for donations at perfor-

mances. Donations went straight to

scholarships for the cast. Professor Stoneking, Haeuser's adviser said, "Ford is a multi-talent-

"He has a unique ability to fully commit to any project and he is also a critical thinker. This is combination for success."

41 total scholarships were awarded. In addition to the name scholarships.

21 small and six leadership scholarships were awarded.

The SETC held a casting call in May in Birmingham, Ala. Haeuser arrived close to the end of the call.

A resume and headshot were re-"I pretty much slid them under

the door," Haeuser said. Three weeks later he said he got

a call that he had made it. "The choreographer said as

soon as she saw me she wanted me for the company."

The cast spent eight hours a day, seven days a week for four weeks preparing for the show. The fire dancers practiced three

extra hours a day for three weeks. Performances were six days a week. Haeuser said his training at NSU

is what prepared him for his role. "They place an emphasis on

work ethic and being professional," Haeuser said he would go any-

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where the job takes him after college. "That's how the business works these standing staff.

Adviser recognized for achievements



Photo by Casey Reynolds/The Current Sauce

Margaret Cochran posing for the photo in her office.

Casey Reynolds Sauce Reporter

Margaret "Betsy" Cochran was awarded the Outstanding Faculty Adviser award at the faculty institutes, a program held for faculty the week before school began.

Cochran is a professor of mathematics and ecology in the Scholar's

She has taught as faculty for 27 years and at NSU for 17 years.

The award was presented by Lisa Abney, provost, and Dorene Fox in Magale Hall. There was an award for outstanding faculty and for out-

All nominees stood up at the

ceremony and part of Cochran's paper was read aloud.

Part of a student's letter about Cochran was also read aloud. This gave her a few moments to compose herself before taking her walk across the stage she said.

"People have seen this in a positive way," Cochran said.

Graduate student Trever Holland said, "She is the kind of professor that recognizes the individual needs, desires, styles, and ideas of

She always takes the time to talk about what the student is facing. I was blessed to have her as a professor and to count her as a friend."

Many people don't go to their

College they are experimenting with ways to make students go to their advisers.

The college places a hold on the student's account and they have to see their advisers for it to be lifted.

Due to a smaller environment in Scholar's, most advisers get to know their students well over the years. Most students keep their same adviser all four years.

"She is one of the smartest and nicest people I know," said Nicole Nezat, a senior in the Scholar's College. "She is one of my favorite people on the planet."

This becomes helpful when advisers write recommendation letters.

They can tell about the individual, she said. "Not just let me check their transcript."

There are lots of ways that faculty serve as advisers. It can be a teacher with a sympathetic ear, she

"It feels good to be recognized because it is behind the scenes. Advisers are only seen by the individual around at the moment," she said.

She encourages students to let their teachers and advisers see how much they accomplish after college. "It is very satisfying."

Random Facts

Iom Sawyer" was the first novel written on a typewriter.

Coca-Cola was originally green.

The youngest pope was 11 years old.

he average number of people airborne over the US any given hour: 61,000

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

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Quantitative

quan-ti-ta-tive ['kwän-te-,ta-tiv]

Function: adjective

Etymology: Medieval

1 : of, relating to, or expressible in terms of quantity

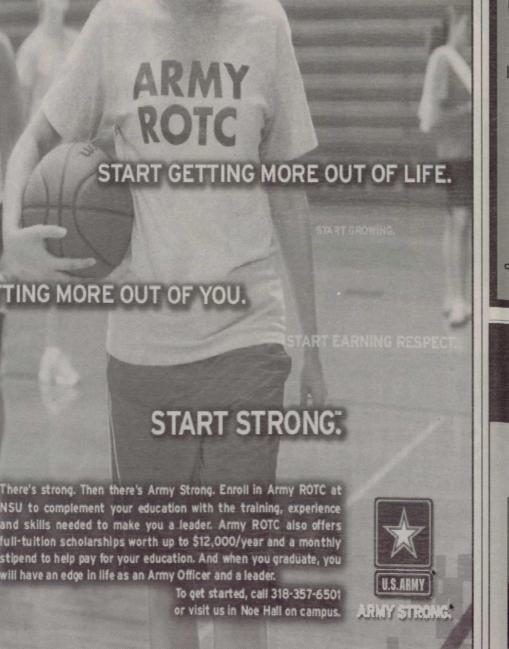
2 : of, relating to, or involving the measurement of quantity or amount

: based on quanspecifically of classical verse based on temporal quantity or duration of sounds

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Be Frank: some decisions aren't worth execution

persecuted for 12 years for some-

thing I did not do. From God's dust I

came and to dust I will return, so the

opened, Texas might now be the first

state to have executed an innocent

ham back to life. Willingham cannot

change the final 12 years of his life.

sions we make on a daily basis.

As the Willingham case is re-

Texas cannot bring Willing-

And we cannot undo the deci-

or "delete" in life,

and the Internet

is not any differ-

Earth shall become my throne."

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

Some states fight to end the death penalty. But as Comedian Ron White said, in my state (Texas), they are putting in an express lane.

There are things in life you can't undo. You cannot bring someone

We forget, there is no "undo" back from the dead. You can't erase pen. You can't re-"In my state (Texas), they are move the damage

putting in an express lane." of a fire.

His final words while lying on

the execution table were, "The only

am an innocent man convicted of a

Cameron The In-Todd Willingham stood outside his ternet, while truly amazing, is a house wearing nothing but jeans dangerous place. People adore the and soot while his home, his family anonymity of the online world and and his future burned down, accordforget about the consequences that ing to The New Yorker. He was later charged for the murder of his three

It is easier to tell a boy you like children and sentenced to death. He was executed by lethal injecthe eye. And it tion, and for the 12 years prior to his "Every decision is not simply life

is easier to break execution, he tried to convince the someone's heart when you cannot hear him or her

statement I want to make is that I But we forget that on the other side of the screen is a real person card. Thousands of people followed crime I did not commit. I have been reading our words. We also forget it on Twitter. And people can still

how permanent the Internet is.

We think that because we hit "delete" that whatever photo we could erase. People make mistakes, posted or text we typed will be erased people speak out of turn, people forever from cy-

"People make mistakes, ber space. But it's not. people speak out of turn, Post Secret is people screw up." a community art

project that enables people to submit their secrets in the form of a postcard.

Every Sunday, Creator Frank Warren posts some of the secrets on Blogger. His visitor count from last week was about 263,477,600.

The secrets from last week included everything from a stripper's last farewell to prostate cancer to parental disputes to one card that Warren was forced to remove.

Warren posted via Twitter to his 960, 030 followers on Sept. 2 how he had to remove the postcard and within minutes multiple people had him when you don't look him in tweeted and retweeted links to the

> Why the and death, but every decision has postcard had to be removed is unknown, but the

postcard itself still lives. Millions of people saw the post-

People do things they wish they

I am not saying that Warren should not

have posted the postcard or that

he made a mistake.

But there are things that perhaps we should think twice about posting online. There are so many instances where people posted things that caused problems in their personal, professional and educational lives.

Things they cannot undo. Every decision is not simply life and death, but every decision has some element of consequence.

The question you need to ask is, "Is this a decision you are going to want to undo?"

Texas cannot bring Willingham back to life. Willingham will never know what the last 12 years of his life could have been like.

But you have the chance today to think twice. Before you hit send or enter or post, you have the opportunity to rethink your decision.

Because once you hit "OK," there is no turning back.



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Opinionated Spirits: appreciating hangovers

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

world of his innocence.

A man has not failed until he refuses to get up and try again.

Thinking of hangovers with a positive outlook would seem ridic-

ulous to many, but it teaches us the valuable lesson to never give up.

Hangovers are generally thought of as a nightmare for drinkers. It is the dreaded morning suffering period our bodies take to recuperate from a night of heavy drinking.

Some people have tried to come up with several home remedies to counter the attack our stomachs and heads are waging on us; however, the simple combination of BC powder and PowerAde or Gatorade has proven to be one of the quickest cures.

Keeping the lights dimmed with little or no noise in the safety of your room would be the best scenario to aid in this cure. And since going out in the sun could be as dangerous or physically painful as a ginger going out in the sun without sunscreen, it would be wise to remain indoors un-

til the hangover is diminished. I have often wondered if a hangover is God's punishment for drinking or possibly just inappropriate drunken actions. Whether it is a form of punishment or not is still debatable, but the sun is certainly His way of taunting us for His own amusement.

Ever notice how bright and



some element of consequence."

heavy intoxication? Now you know at least one person is laughing.

worshipping the "porcelain god" that toughens drinkers. will certainly appreciate any offering

Although the regurgitation

of the previous night's dinner or the late night Krys- thing they partake in, but it is not tal burgers can relieve at least the until you can master the negative stomach pain one feels while hungover, there is one method of healing that, although difficult for some, will surely heal the body's suffering.

Start drinking again. The taste, smell, or even appearance of alcohol will cause premature-regurgitation for some drinkers, but if you can get passed that first gag-reflex and continue drinking, then your body will not only begin healing, but start to the towel though. Use that towel to feel intoxicated as well. It is like killing two birds with one stone.

This will not work for everyone, of course, since our demanding

Photo by Bethany Frank/The Current Sauce

beautiful it is outside after a night of schedules will usually force us out of our safe, anti-hangover bunkers.

We will all have a list of tasks for Many will spend a hangover in the day, such as work, sports pracbed since sleeping helps. On the oth-tice, homework or finishing newspaer hand, others choose to spend this per articles. Performing these tasks time of suffering in the bathroom hungover, although difficult, is what

Mastering the hangover is mastering drinking. "Mastering the hangover Anyone can en-

joy the positive is mastering drinking." side of someaspect too that you can say you have conquered it.

The inexperienced drinkers who choose to stray from alcohol because of a single hangover have got it all wrong. It is understandable to avoid alcohol for a day or two depending on the level of intoxication achieved the night before.

One should never throw in wipe off your face, hop back on that bar stool and challenge the bastard

Students' dollars well wasted

Taylor Graves Guest Columnist

During this time, \$45 can buy a lot of things: gas, groceries or a textbook.

For me, \$45 can pay my half of the TV and In-

ternet bill. But, you know what, I did not spend \$45 on gas, groceries, textbooks or bills last week. I had to spend \$45 on an NSU parking sticker that I already bought last fall.

Parking stickers are very useful for students and NSU police to know who should and should not be on campus. They register each student's car and allow NSU police to let cars onto campus at night.

The reason behind parking stickers is understandable, but why should students have to pay \$45 every fall semester for something they already have?

Some students have scholarships which pay their entire way through school, so an extra \$45 may or may not make a difference to them. For students who work their way through school, \$45 is a lot of

Everyone knows NSU is going through the same budget cuts as the rest of the country's colleges, but the administration are not the only people who are trying to tighten the spending belt.

Students are dealing with companies and the

government of-"Why should students have to fering less scholpay \$45 every fall semester for arships and loans. something they already have?"

Students are finding tricks and tips on how to save money.

Students are looking into the cheapest way to buy textbooks.

On top of everything else, students are having to make sure they have the money to cover the rising costs of college tuitions, bills and

And spending \$45 on something they have already spent money on is crazy.

NSU may need the money, but wouldn't it cost less and save money if only freshman and students with new vehicles buy a parking sticker? This way NSU would not have to

design and order new stickers each fall semester. Less money would be coming in to NSU, but NSU and the students would each be saving mon-

So not only do students have to spend \$45 on a parking sticker, if they do not buy one, then they get a ticket. Each ticket they receive is a \$35 fine. This is a crazy amount also. What if

a student needs to spend money on a bill so their water or internet is not cut off, so

they don't buy a

parking sticker? What if a student cannot buy a parking sticker until after they get a pay check?

Or, what if a student honestly just does not have the money for a parking sticker they already have?

No matter what the reason, if a student does not buy a parking sticker, they will be fined \$35

I do not understand why this extra cost is given to students when the administration knows the students are going through the same tough times as they are.

the starving children in other coun-

tries, the starving children in our

own countries, the closing down of

animal shelters nationwide, the end

of music programs, the current situ-

trees knocked down and grass

ripped up so that a new mall, Wal-

Mart, Dairy Queen can be built in its

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that there is less to protest. Animal

testing, the current economic situ-

ation, what's on the menu-I chal-

lenge you to care about something.

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ting himself on

fire to get the

Daily, land is being torn apart,

The Earth is giving herself to us,

ation in Darfur and so many more.

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Something worth lighting your fire the current war in the Middle East,

Paul Randall Adams Guest Columnist

You're sitting in your car downtown, waiting for the red light at the Church Street Bridge to turn green so that you can make your way

over the bridge and to your destination whenever a man stands in your way, his body completely engulfed in flames.

This is the situation that many people were faced with on June 16, 1963, when the Vietnamese monk Thich Quang Duc immolated himself in one of the busiest intersections of downtown Saigon. Bystanders watch, horrified, as he died unable to turn their faces away.

Hushed whispers spread, and people begin to ask why somebody ians to abandon their self-imposed would protest the Vietnam War so morals and start eating meat because violently. This monk, however, was it's easier to just eat meat than to truly protesting the religious perse- fight with the food establishments on cution he and his brethren were un- campus.

dergoing at the time.

Ask yourself: have you ever been moved by anything so much that you would be willing to set yourself on fire to make people listen?

Sadly, I doubt it. I know that I certainly haven't. And as I see the pictures that remain from this day, this is all I can think about.

moved by much these days. Collegiate

people listen?"

apathy is a grown epidemic; laziness among young adults is more prevalent today than it has been for many years.

College students come to school invigorated, full of energy, ready to shake up the system and stand up for what's right, and they almost always fall short.

It is not uncommon for vegetar-

It is not unheard of for people who support the "go green" movement to turn from their eco-friendly ways because it is easier to just live like everybody else. In case you haven't noticed, it

is no longer "taking a stand" if you have stopped fighting. To compromise ones morals for

Hardly anybody seems to be simple ease in life is absolute laziness. The concept is appalling, and, unfortunately, "Have you ever been moved by

the idea is unianything so much that you would be versal. Whenwilling to set yourself on fire to make ever I first came to college, I was quite set in my

ways. I only at organic foods, avoiding genetically modified foods at all cost. I only used energy-saver light bulbs and never used the plastic bags at the grocery store.

What happened was I stopped caring. It was easier to take the mass-produced plastic bags and it was easier to just eat whatever was made available to me at Vic's.

Suddenly, I had compromised everything I had stood for.

Where would women be if everybody had just given up because it was easier? Where would African-Americans be had Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. compromised his morals because he just didn't care as much anymore? Where would this nation be if everybody had been as apathetic as my classmates, as myself?

There are very few cases in today's society when somebody feels so strongly for something, anything, that they are willing to set themselves on fire to make their point.

There have been no recent reports of young adults chaining themselves to trees to stop development of beautiful land. There has been no gossip that any-

to protest in this generation than

there have been in the past.

driving his car in

"It is no longer taking a stand if you body on this camhave stopped fighting." pus has stopped

an attempt to help the Earth, just a People may say that there is less

world's attention. Sometimes it only takes a few concerned words. But we will never know which

approach to take if we take no approach at all.

Perhaps one should list all of So I ask you—are you apathetic the travesties one could fight to aid: or do you just not care?

Cougars claw Demons in season opener

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

Houston had no problem taking off Saturday against the Northwestern State Demons.

Cougars' junior quarterback Sims for a 23 yard score. Case Keenum led his team to a 55-7 victory over the Demons.

Trophy. Keenum before the game of credit," Peveto said. was among a handful of players be "Heisman hopefuls." Keenum was yards from the air. 23-30 for 359 yards and four touchters of work.

The Demons' first four drives able to move the chains once.

"We needed a good start and we needed to keep them from getting one. Neither happened," Peveto said.

The Cougars' offense, which was ranked second nationally last year,

picked up where it left off, jumping fensively," Peveto said "In between, out to a 28-0 lead, scoring on their first four possessions.

Their first series was a 5-play, 86-yard scoring drive that ended

"Case Keenum was making every read and every throw, and it was at the 7 and scored on the next play." This was also a good game for easy to see how he led the nation in Keenum in his hopes for a Heisman total offense last year. Give them a lot capped off at 263, with 157 on the

The Cougars' offensive onthroughout the FBS that were said to slaught totaled 538 yards with 447

downs in only two and a half quar- Demons were able to shake back and mount some sort of production.

proved to be futile, as they were not together a long scoring drive in the second quarter.

The 97 yard drive was the Demons' only score of the game and showed glimpses of what the team is capable of. "Our guys kept competing, and we got a couple of stops dewe drove the ball 97 yards to score, and really had gotten some momen-

went on to say,"We forced that secwith a pass from Keenum to Charles ond punt, but the ball was ruled to have hit one of our blockers and they wound up with possession going in

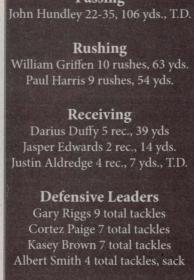
The Demons' total offense

William Griffin led the ground game with 10 carries for 63 yards.

John Hudley threw for 106 yards UH put up 35 points before the and one touchdown and completed 22-34 with zero interceptions.

Newly aquired runningback The Demons managed to put from the Nebraska Cornhuskers, Quinton Castille, looks to learn more of the Demon playbook so he can get more touches this coming Saturday.

For Peveto, there is a lot of work to do before the Demons go to play a very good Grambling team next Sat-





Running back (6) William Griffen breaks off a 20 yard gain on a fourth and one play.

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Rachael O'Steen as she pushes the ball forward in

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

All good things must come to an end. Unfortunately that old adage holds true for the NSU Lady Demons and its winning streak.

the 2-1 loss to Mississippi St.

The Lady Demons had played 398 minutes of shutout soccer.

That equates to five games and nine minutes into the sixth without giving up a goal.

Along with the shutout streak the Lady Demons lost their winning streak to the Mississippi State Bull-

Junior Kathleen Walsh scored the first goal for the Bulldogs in the ninth minute.

"I found it very interesting that when we gave up the goal in the first half, Mississippi State dominated for about the next five minutes," Lady Demons' head coach Jimmy Mitchell

thanks in part to junior forward Meghan Hunter's third goal of the season in the 54th minute.

On the same play, Rachael O'Steen got her fourth assist of the

in the 61st minute, junior Ashley the season.

Hood for MSU scored the would be game winning goal, putting the Bulldogs up two to one.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

The Bulldogs even out shot the Lady Demons 16-13 with three of its shots being on goal.

The Lady Demons did manage to get six shots on goal. The Lady Demons are still off to

one of its best starts in school history with a record of 5-1 on the season. Also, the Bulldogs have a school

best record to start a season at 4-0.

NSU got to the 5-0 mark as it beat the University of Louisiana-Lafayette 1-0 in overtime this past Chelsey Gibbs netted her team

high fourth goal of the season in the 97th minute of the game. Meghan Hunter got her then team high third assist of the season.

The SLC announced vesterday that forward Chelsey Gibbs was awarded Southland Conference Of-Despite giving up the goal, NSU fensive Player of the Week award. would come back and tie the game, This is her second consecutive week

to recieve this award. The Lady Demons face off against Southeast Missouri State this Friday and Oklahoma State the following Sunday.

Both games will be here in the The Lady Demons could just not friendly confines of the Demon Sochold off the Bulldog offense, because cer Complex, where NSU is 2-1 on

Lady Demons couldn't dig out a win

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

The Lady Demons expects a much better season than last year.

hard at work this off season in an efthe previous season.

Junior middle blocker LaRanda Spann said, "We've been working freshmen players. really hard, we had three a days during the pre season and we worked hard every second of it."

The team finished with an overall record of 10-17.

Part of the problem last year was the depth of the team.

The volleyball rotated about seven players per match last year. Spann said, "We have high expectations for our program, we have 12 girls this year so we have depth unlike previous seasons."

cited about the season.

The team added four newcomgood ball programs and have experience so they are going to help out the program.

tany Fruge

Junior Middle Blocker/ outside Hitter Brittany Fruge earned second team all conference honors as a freshman and first team all confernola College.

Setter Lauren Peltier earned first ful!" Spann said.

team all-conference her sophomore year and second team all-conference her freshman year. "Lauren is the all-around vol-

leyball player that every coach The Lady Demons have been wants on their team," Uffelman said. "She can play every position, infort to make an improvement from cluding setter. She will bring depth and ball control to our program."

The team also recruited two

MB Sarah Jones and OH Nicole Hajka, both from Texas, bring something new to the team Spann

Hajka was named the Vista

Ridge MVP and was a member of the Mizuno National Championship team in 2008.

"This is by far the best group of recruits I've signed since being here." Uffelman said.

The Lady Demons opened the season last Tuesday against a Loui-Spann added that she's very ex-siana Tech team who already had four games under their belt.

The home opener was a lost ers that come from a background of 3-0 but positive things can be taken from the game.

The team was without the senior leadership of starter Markie The Lady Demons added two Robichau but freshman Nicole Hajtransfers, Lauren Peltier and Brit- ka led the team with ten digs and five kills.

> For Spann, the goals are to win conference this year and make our first NCAA appearance.

"We are getting team chemistry ence honors as a sophomore at Pa- more and more everyday and that's going to carry over to the court and At Galveston College, Junior help us become extremely success-



Laranda Spann (14) getting ready to spike the ball down on a Lady Bulldog in a three set to none loss.

Good start to a marathon season

Courtsey of Sports Info:

Three top 10 finishes, headed by a fifth-place showing from sophomore Lawana Perkins and freshman Karensa Ellis in the women's race, headlined Northwestern State's performances in the season-opening

McNeese State cross country relay eron Mehl were tops, taking ninth race at the Enos Derbonne recreation facility Friday evening.

Perkins and Ellis ran a 22:17 time over 6,000 meters, finishing fifth among 21 tandems in the women's division. For the Demons, fresh-runs at Louisiana-Monroe, then goes man Josh Crandell and junior Cam- to Louisiana Tech on Sept. 28.

among 20 duos with an 18:49 time, one second ahead of teammates Dusty Dischler, a junior, and freshman Kyle Lessig.

Next Saturday, Northwestern

The times, they are a-changin

Iriane Mccray Sauce Reporter

"In all of my fourteen years at this drastic," NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke said. Many athletic directors in the

Southland Conference can strongly agree with Burke's statement. Being that Northwestern State's

2009-2010 school year, opposed to the 2008-2009 cut of \$350,000. Due to this drastic decline in the

athletic budget, the athletic department has been working diligently to assure students and faculty that positive changes will come. Since the news of the decrease

in athletic funds, the athletic department has been approaching the problem with a positive outlook. Although this is a very unfortu-

nate situation, they are still unified and stronger than before.

When speaking with Burke he added that the best is yet to come,.

"If athletics is about adversity, we should demonstrate it now than ever before," Burke said.

Burke plans to improve the situation by continuing to motivate the NSU, I have never seen a budget cut Athletic Department to help itself overcome this budget crisis.

Even though this budget crisis appears to be overwhelming, the NSU Athletic Department has not made any compromises.

Female athletes are still staying budget has been cut \$423,000 in this in hotels with indoor access when playing at away games, and scholarships have not had any decrease due to the budget decline. The department's most critical

duty is to assure the students that they are the most important asset to Northwestern State University.

They have been doing their very best to uphold that under these circumstances.

"What we really want to accomplish is for students not the feel the cuts," Associate Director of Athletics William Broussard said.

Broussard also went on to add about the effects the budget cuts that the Department of Athletics is have had on the athletic department, doing more with less and has never faced a test like this.

Along with the new attitude of the Athletic Department, there are new attractions to match.

The most recognized attraction is the brand new football field at Turpin Stadium, painted in purple and orange to uplift the spirit of the NSU Football Team and Demon Fans. However, the field at Turpin Sta-

dium did not cost the university anything and did not interfere with the athletic budget. Other attractions are the NSU Band, Vic's Kid Zone, The Super

Venue, NSU Tailgating and the economic value of the tickets.

During this athletic crisis, everyone is looking on the bright side, including the students.

Sophomore linebacker Derek Rose of explained that the budget cuts have had little to no effect on the students and the coaches are doing a good job to make everything as normal as possible.

"Since I have been at Northwestern the athletic department has treated me good," Rose said.

He also explains that the budget cuts have not interfered with his full scholarship.

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David Royal News Editor

C ince the beginning of the university's major budget cuts, NSU President Randall Webb's top priority has been to keep the cuts from impacting students as much as possible.

Although they worked hard to meet this goal, Webb said he and his officials were forced to directly impact two groups of students on campus: students looking for on-campus employment and graduate students looking for assistantships.

As part of the 2009-10 budget reduction plan, NSU has eliminated funding for graduate assistantships by \$80,000 and has frozen student employment, resulting in fewer work hours and less income for student workers.

Webb said he regretted having to make cuts that would affect students so strongly, but added that because NSU's operating cost makes up about 70 percent of the budget, it was a logical decision to make cuts in that area.

"When we had to make adjustments to the budget, personnel is the first place we looked at," Webb said.

Steve Horton, the dean of graduate studies and research, said that as a result of the cuts in funding he had to reduce the number of graduate assistants by eight.

Horton explained that a gradu-



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Student employees stuff recruitment envelopes in South Hall.

to graduate students in the form of a tion. \$10,000 annual stipend.

In their assistantships, students work about 20 hours a week by teaching, researching or assisting with campus services.

Graduate assistantships are valuable to NSU, because with their training, they can fill holes in lower teaching and administration roles,

Horton said, however, he is not ate assistantship is an award given too worried about the present situa-

He said currently there are only 15 graduate students who applied for an assistantship and did not get one, and in the past, everyone on the waiting list for an assistantship has been able to eventually get one by the end of the academic year.

This is because throughout the assistantships will drop off for various reasons and open up spaces for those on the waiting list, Horton ex-

"I'm confident that when it is all said and done, we will have things taken care of," Horton said.

He added, however, that if cuts continue to hit his department in the future, then more action would have to be taken.

"If things continue to worsen, year students already in graduate I will fight to keep numbers from dropping even more," Horton said.

Webb explained that in the case of student employment, the same

amount of funding has been allocated as last year, but the difference is that the state's minimum wage has

As a result of funding not increasing with minimum wage, student employees cannot work as many hours as they have in the past, Webb said.

Madison Wakefield, a student employee for the office of Student Services and Judicial Affairs, said she has noticed since she first began working for the university two years ago a change in the number of hours employees are able to work.

Wakefield, a junior home interior design major, said that recently, there are times where only one student employee works in the office.

In the past, she said up to three workers have worked at a time.

Tobin Johnson, a senior biology major, works with Wakefield and said she is just trying to make the best of things.

"I'm just rolling with it," John-

"Student employment allows us to work around our school schedule, which is very convenient."

Webb said that in the future, NSU officials will continue to minimize the effects of budget cuts on students, but added that he thinks they have done an effective job thus

"I think we're taking good care of our students, their scholarships and financial aid, and that will not change," Webb said.

NSU classes expand to 'wild blue yonder'

Shelita Dalton Staff Reporter

SU is extending its reach to Barksdale Air Force Base. The proposal to offer courses on the base has been approved by NSU and Barksdale officials.

There will be programs presented through the College of Nursing and the College of Business.

According to a press release from the News Bureau, additional programs could be offered in the future depending on demand.

Online degree programs will also be available.

Courses will be accessible for indi-Bossier area.

"I feel wonderful about it," said Darlene Williams, the vice president for technology, research and economic development.

"This to me is just an extension to what we are doing with Fort Polk already in reaching out to Barksdale and it's about meeting a need."

Williams said there were students who wanted to continue their education and to begin pursuing an education and opportunities like these make it possible for them to do

The process of getting the proeducation center at Barksdale.

NSU had been in communication with Barksdale and then they decided to issue a request for proposals, which allows institutions to write proposals to offer programs on

"We developed and drafted the request for proposals, we submitted review process and then we were notified that our two programs [The College of Business and The College of Nursing] were selected to be offered there on site," Williams said.

Now that the proposals have grams and services." viduals on the base, along with civil- grams implemented on base began been approved, there will be an of-Understanding between Barksdale

This will take place on Sept. 22,

NSU President Randall Webb says that having a presence on Barksdale Air Force Base is beneficial to NSU as a whole.

"This also affords us an opporthem, they went through a rigorous tunity to advertise on base the 25 degree programs Northwestern offers totally online," he said in an email

"We hope this opens up another strategic student market for our pro-

SGA Weekly Update

Sept. 14, 2009

- Senate voted to stipulate the requirements for voting in any SGA election to "any North-

western State University student who takes at least one hour on the Natchitoches campus,"

instead of anyone who pays the SGA fee.

- SGA Senator, Homecoming and Mr. and Miss NSU election date announced to be Sept.

23, 2009.

Williams said NSU has plans to ians that are within the Shreveport- when NSU was contacted by the ficial signing of the Memorandum of offer classes on other military bases in the future. She said they are currently looking at Fort Meade for the journalism department.

"We are in initial discussions with that group, to determine exactly what we're going to be doing with that, but ultimately it's going to focus on journalism and it's a great opportunity for Northwestern," Williams

"It's a great opportunity for those individuals who are a part of that program to be able to earn credit, as they are working through their program with the military."

Suspected swine flu spreads on campus

David Royal News Editor

tephanie Campbell, the director of heath services at NSU, said it is her belief that there are still around 60 students on campus with flu-like symptoms that are more than likely cases of the H1N1 influenza.

the first student two weeks ago, and since then, Campbell said her staff

Although Campbell and her staff are unable to confirm it, Campbell said she suspects that most of the students that have come to NSU registered with the State of Louisiana Health Services are carrying the Dept. of Health and Hospitals to reswine flu virus - only those who are ceive the H1N1 influenza vaccinahospitalized are actually tested for tion once it becomes available. the virus.

Before the flu-like symptoms arrive in late Oct. or early Nov. began spreading across campus, Campbell explained that on a busy are clearly the best solution for NSU's day, she and her staff only saw about current situation. 30 students.

In the past two weeks, however, receive the vaccine as soon as it be-Campbell said NSU Health Services comes available," Campbell said.

has been averaging about 50 students a day - up to 76 were treated in one

To help eliminate the outbreak, Campbell said there are two simple steps that can be followed that will make a huge difference.

"I think it's still important for people to stay home if they're sick NSU Health Services treated and to continue to wash their hands with soap and water," Campbell said.

Additionally, Maxim Health has been busy caring for numerous will be offering the seasonal flu vacstudents with symptoms that match cine on Sept. 29 and 30 in the lobby the H1N1 virus, also known as the of Friedman Student Union from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Campbell said.

There will be a \$30 charge for a

Campbell also said that NSU has

The vaccination is expected to

Campbell said the vaccinations "I strongly suggest that students

- Election board was appointed, and election chair was chosen.

Disciplinary and judicial affairs committee members appointed.

Club sports committee members appointmented.



All of the Coca-Cola tops Watson Library has collected so far this semester.

Optimism in face of budget crisis

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

espite major university cutbacks in funding, Watson Library is going strong.

This year, the staff is working hard to ensure that students will continue to have many resources available to them academically, as well as for their leisure time.

In order to retain the most academic journals in lieu of budget cuts, the library decided to use the Coke Rewards Program sponsored by Coca-Cola to save money.

Nina Kay, a technical processes staff member, suggested the program to her co-workers after using it personally.

Coke Rewards is a website where people can enter special codes found under the lids and in the boxes of Coke products and redeem them for points.

Once enough points are accumulated, they can be traded for vari-

products and movie rentals to magazine subscriptions.

Currently, the reward program offers magazine subscriptions as prizes for eight leisure magazines that the library was receiving, Head Librarian Elizabeth Graves said.

Among these are Better Homes and Gardens, Popular Mechanics, Harper's Bazaar and Parents.

The library decided to use the reward program for leisure magazines so they could focus more funding on academic material.

The library only needed 942 points on the website to continue receiving the subscriptions.

The only drawback: users can only enter 120 codes per week.

A student messenger was sent out in Aug. to inform students that the library would be collecting the Coke tops so they could continue providing as much as possible to the student body.

The message encouraged stu-

ous prizes ranging from free Coke dents to help out as much as possible so the library would not have to cancel the subscriptions.

"Since the messenger with the flyer went out at the beginning of August, we have been overwhelmed with people dropping off Coke lids and cut-outs," Graves said.

"The points keep coming." Graves said she now receives

daily e-mails containing codes, and students continue dropping off lids at the library.

"Two students with individual Coke Rewards accounts wanted to donate points but could not because each had already put his points into his account," Graves said.

She said the students used their accumulated points to order a subscription to GQ, Fitness, Cosmopolitan, Allure and Everyday Food with the library's address as the receiver.

"It is evident to me that loyalty and family make up the true character of Northwestern State University," Graves said.

Temple recognized for distinguished service

Mary Jordan Staff Reporter

ustin Temple, dean of science and technology, was honored recently by President Randall Webb and NSU for his 45 years of service and dedication.

Temple started his career here at NSU as an assistant professor. From that point, he worked his way up through the ranks to professor of mathematics, university registrar, director of admissions, department head of mathematics, director of math and sciences. He is currently the dean of science and technology and has been for the past 14 years.

Many important accomplishments have been made while Temple has been at NSU, but if you were to ask him, he would tell you that he was not alone.

"I haven't done anything," he said,. "I have had the opportunity to

He said he had the opportunity to accomplish things with the help and support of the people he has worked with. "I either took it and ran with it or I was given the opportunity to do it, and then I had other people to come in and assist me and make it work," Temple said.

Temple has had the pleasure of working with six NSU presidents during his career. He started under John Kyser and is now working happily with Webb.

"I have had a lot of opportunities to do things because of the presidents I served under."

Through an e-mail interview Webb spoke highly of Temple.

"Dr. Austin Temple came to Northwestern as a faculty member in mathematics at a time when I was a student in mathematics here."

"After I returned to Northwestern and became president and affected a reorganization of the academic



structure of the University, I appointed Dr. Temple dean of the college of science and technology, a position he continues to hold."

"I have found Austin Temple to be an excellent educator and academic administrator; he is a leader with vision who is also a good man-

If you were to ask Temple what he was proudest to have accomplished, he would probably tell you one of five things. The first would be the book that he and a colleague wrote together. The two took the royalties they earned and established a fund for travel for the faculty of

These funds gave the mathematics faculty of NSU the opportunity to attend national meetings, be exposed to new and fresh ideas, make presentations and be participants in research and activities of mathematics on a national scale.

Temple can also take pride in knowing that he and his colleagues are the reason NSU has tutoring sessions now. The program started out providing students with math tutoring, and it continued to grow from there. Temple thinks NSU was the first school in the state to offer such a

Then there is the Institute of Space Science Group, which is de-

voted to offering supplemental instruction to middle school teachers using space science as a vehicle to pique their students' interest. NASA was relied upon for the materials. The program was broadcast through Louisiana public television, and later nationwide. The Internet is now used to broadcast the program and the instructional materials involved. NSU received several national awards for this program.

Another program that came along about the same time as the Space Science Group was an undergrad research program for those majoring in math, chemistry and physics. Another NASA program, it is called the Joint Venture Program. In this program, students are partnered with a scientist to help support research and studies in an area of their

NASA later cut funding for the program, but NSU picked up the funding. NSU provides scholarships for this ongoing program. Students come in their freshmen, sophomore, and sometimes their junior year and are assigned to a faculty member to do research.

"It has been a terrific program," Temple said.

And finally, during Temple's tenure, NSU established a relationship with a group in Shreveport called the Child and Family Network. This nonprofit organization provides tremendous leadership in the area of childcare. It provides courses, scholarships and referral systems in the childcare field.

"It's not the number of years you've been somewhere, it's what you have done throughout the years," Temple said.

"Anything I have done and anything I have been successful with has been because of the support of the administration and the support of the people I have worked with.'





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Increasing options for dining on campus

Andrew Bordelon Staff Reporter

uality and more options are available in NSU dinning hall this semester

According to many students, the food services offered at NSU are improving.

The three dinning facilities available on campus are Iberville Hall located next University Place Phases I and II, Vic's and Grill 155 located in Freidman Student Union.

Iberville, referred to as the cafeteria by many students, has made several changes to their services. The grill section of the cafeteria was finished last spring and gives students more choices for their meals. Students' food is now cooked in front of them as it is ordered in this section of the cafeteria.

Some students prefer the variety of hot meals or pizza selection served daily, although the pizzas have disap-

"The pizzas aren't always cooked right," sophomore business major Nick Simons said.

"I prefer the hamburger and hot meal selection when the lines are not

Sodexo General Manager Charles Lear expressed that Iberville will be hosting special stations this year to keep variety and fun flowing. Look for Sundae, BBQ, Caesar, and Fondue Bars to arrive during Sept.

"This year we are focusing on adding variety to the board plan in hopes of keeping student taste buds stimulated in every way we can."

"In addition to the core menus there will be limited time offers on the Deli, Grill and Pizza lines in Iberville to enhance the variety of these stations."

Lear has started a new program in Iberville called "reward yourself." Lear said that the program involves students paying an extra \$4 along with their meal plan.

Then, they are allowed to, "enjoy an upscale cuisine such as steak and shrimp with trimmings which we had last Friday."

"The students loved it and we sold out very quickly."



Students waiting in line for their steak and shrimp dinners.

Vic's and Grill 155 offer a different selection of meals than the caf-

Vic's variety of meals is a favorite of students like junior theatre major Ansley Hughes who said, "there's definitely more of a variety to choose

Hughes said she usually eats there every day, and that, "it's gotten better since the start of last [school]

Lear said his goal for Grill 155 is to make it a place for fun and about the spirit of NSU.

An addition made to Vic's was the Cajun Cuisine line. Lear said that the new meal line intends on, "giving students a taste of Cajun cuisine

Grill 155, located on the first floor of the Student Union, serves a

slightly different menu than Vic's.

This facility was not opened until last spring semester. Since then, it has served not only hamburgers and fries, but also chicken tenders, fried jalapenos and other grilled and fried

"There will also be televisions there that will have cable," Lear said. Sodexo plans on connecting DVD players to these televisions and replay athletic and campus events of

Lear said that the School of Louisiana Math and Science will be having some of its students help paint the walls of Grill 155. "The school will use this as a class project and Sodexo will reimburse them for their supplies in tough economic times," Lear said. "It's a win win."



The NSU Speech and Debate team is raising money to honor former debate coach Ralph Ropp.

Debate team seeks funding

Sarah Person

Staff Reporter

YSU alumnus Ted Roberts plans to honor his former debate coach. Roberts already has established a rhetoric and debate professorship but now plans to lead a fund raising campaign for a second professorship to recognize distinguished NSU professor and debate coach, Dr. Ralph Ropp, who later was President of Louisiana Tech

"Dr. Ralph Ropp was my debate coach when I was a student at NSU, and a wonderful and inspiring mentor to me and others on the debate team," Roberts said. "Thus, I recommended that we establish a fund

raising program in his honor aimed at producing enough for another professorship named for him."

Roberts's contributions will help reinvigorate the debate program but more is needed. Former NSU debaters will be solicited since it was once an important part of their lives.

Financial problems such as Louisiana's budget cuts have affected the NSU Speech and Debate program.

Due to these cuts, NSU's debate team hasn't been able to attend regional and national forensics tournaments outside of the tri-state (Louisiana, Texas, and Arkansas) area.

Assistant Professor in Communications and Co-Director of Forensics Jon Crogan appreciates any support the program can get.

"Most forensics coaches would like for their programs to be better funded since they are often the first programs to get cut when there is a university shortfall, but Tammy and I have been very fortunate to have the support of NSU alumnus, like Mr. Ted Roberts, as well as the faculty and staff at Northwestern State University since the Speech and Debate Team was revived from its decade-long slumber," Crogan said.

The debate team needs funds to attend more tournaments to regain status as a national and regional powerhouse.

Crogan and his wife Tammy coach the debate team but do not receive any monetary stipend for the long weekends spent judging or coaching these tournaments but do it because they love it.

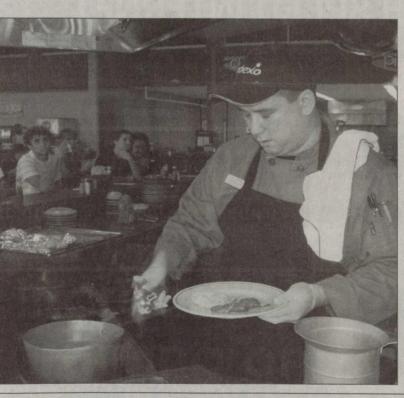
"Mr. Roberts's vigorous support of the NSU Speech and Debate program hopefully reminds all of us that forensics is important not only for the Northwestern and Scholars' students currently involved but for the university and community as a whole", Crogan said.

Roberts's involvement in speech and debate gave him valuable skills.

"It helped me develop confidence in public speaking, taught me to look at both sides of important questions in evaluating important issues and improved my ability to do research", he said. Roberts also said the NSU Debate Team has been underfunded for years.

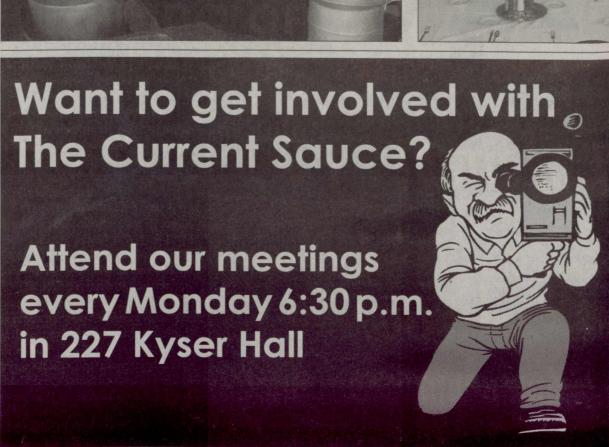
"We need to provide sufficient financial support to make it possible for them to compete on a level playing field on a national basis as they did in some past years when their performance was excellent," Roberts

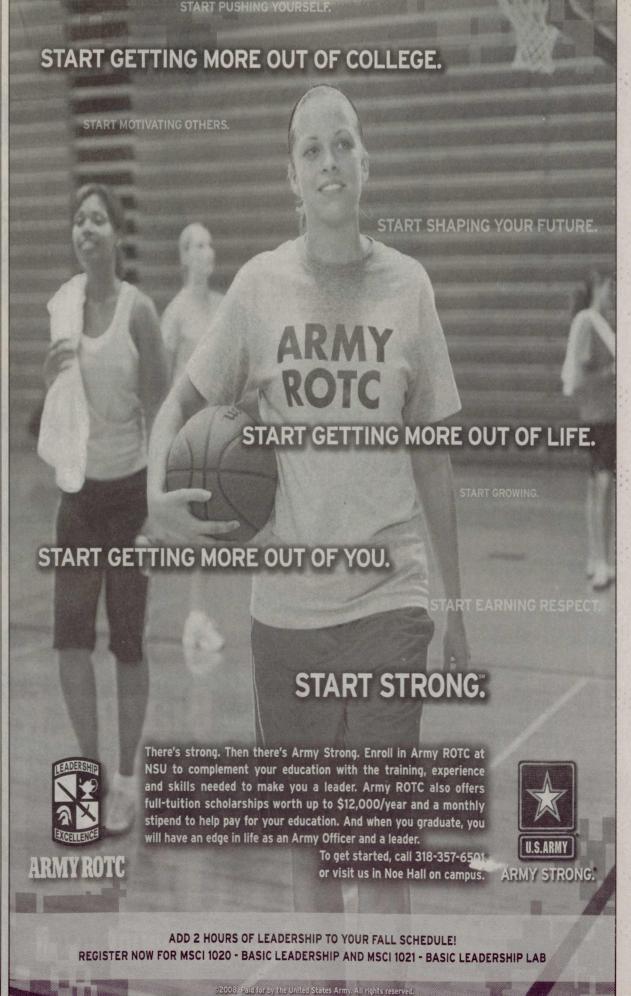
"Private support is particularly important now that overall state funding for the university is being reduced substantially."











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Be Frank:

Call for Prince Charming

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

((inderella walked on broken glass, Sleeping Beauty let a whole lifetime pass, Belle fell in love with a

hideous Beast, Jas-

mine married a common thief, Ariel walked on land for love and life, Snow White barely escaped a knife. It was all about blood, sweat and tears because love means facing your biggest fears."

I don't know who said that nor where it originated, but it crossed my Facebook a few times recently and made me sit down and think.

I adore Disney princess movies. I like sitting on the couch with my roommate and some of our friends eating ice cream and singing along with the princesses. The stories are always the same, but they still manage to tug at the heart strings.

The princesses are beautiful women who in some way fought for what they wanted in life and found a prince during their journeys. As a young girl, those tales always seemed to bring hope for tomorrow on a rainy day.

But it is not their fight that captures me today. Instead it is the princes that came to their side.

Society has changed what is considered appropriate for relationships. The communication between men and women has taken a downhill plummet.

Most men no longer come with sword and shield to women's aid. Instead, women tend to need a shield to protect them from the men who seek their attention.

In the past two months I have learned two lessons about men:

1) Don't offer them a banana because that means you are easy and that you are willing to give them more than simply a piece of fruit (especially if you just met).

2) It doesn't matter how old he is, he still fails to think with anything other than his penis.

These two lessons have perplexed me and troubled me for some time now. It might just be that my reality has been diluted by the fairytale fantasies seen in chick flicks and Dis-

But regardless, I shouldn't need to lower my expectations because of society's failure to communicate. It doesn't matter how many fairytales you induldge in, some of dating

techniques are just not appropriate. Both of my lessons were endured during a first encounter with a man. Neither time was I trying to seduce anyone or ignite a conversa-

tion or even look his way.

The first lesson I was walking across campus with my breakfast that I didn't want and apparently some random fellow did. He didn't take the banana, but he did manage to take my dignity for the day with a snide comment that referenced a "cat" and me being easy. Little did I know that giving someone a banana made you easy, but perhaps it wasn't an apple that caused the fall of man.

It would be nice to say that is the only time my dignity was stolen in a conversation, but it happened previously about month earlier.

I was working an event when a an approached me for what I assumed was innocent conversation. Let's just say the conversation didn't end well, but at the end of the evening I had a business card in my pocket "in case I got frisky."-Yes, the 50-something-year-old man left his business card after learning he wasn't going to "get lucky" just in

It would be wonderful to blame this communication failure on men. But that would be wrong because women are also at fault.

Women want to be desired and wanted. Many spent part of their childhoods watching the same princess movies dreaming of Prince Charming. But the problem is that they convinced themselves that Prince Charming was simply a man for their dreams.

To quote a friend, "there are no Prince Charmings. All you can hope for is someone who would treat you like a princess."

But women choose to settle for

They look at men today and accept derogatory comments and remarks because they think it is the only attention men will pay them. Women think they need to wear short shorts, low cleavage, and mounds of make up and perfume to be captivating.

But they don't.

"Good boys" are convinced they are eternally screwed because the "bad boys" out there have ruined the persona of men.

Women now desire the "bad boy" because they desire some attention and affection, but they fail to realize they are just encouraging the crass comments and catcalls.

Women, as a whole, deserve more than what they are settling for. Men, as whole, need to learn the meaning of respect.

But until both sexes realize their faults, we will forever continue fruitlessly dreaming of Prince Charming.

Disney Princesses traveled and lost a lot in their journey to their prince. How much are you willing to lose to find yours?

Kanye Westshocks VMAs

Sarah Cramer Guest Columnist

unday night, as I did my hourly Facebook login, I was bombarded by an array of statuses, all saying something nega-

tive about Kanye West, followed by something along the lines of "go Taylor Swift."

Being the out-of-the-loop gal that I am, I had not the slightest idea what was going on, nor that it had anything to do with the MTV Video Music Awards.

I didn't even know the VMAs were on. Thank goodness for search engines and YouTube videos to catch me up on the latest celebrity happen-

For those of you, like me, who did not tune in to watch the VMAs Sunday evening, Taylor Swift won the award for best female video and

Kanye West proved to be anything but happy for her.

He stormed on stage, taking the microphone from her hands, proclaiming, "Beyonce had one of the best videos of all time."

Who cares if Taylor truly deserved the award? Being a huge fan of not only her but also her video, "You Belong With Me," I believe she

But, honestly, that's not the

What about behaving like a respectable 32-year-old human being? What about congratulating a fellow artist on her accomplishments? Or how about not talking out of turn?

No one asked Kanye his preference of who had the best female video, and I really believe no one cared.

I saw some Facebook statuses and several comments under the video MTV posted of this incident saying Kanye's outburst was a result of his own racism toward white people, or that he was just "acting like a black guy."

Really? For all of you who made similar claims, let's put racism aside for just a moment.

I'm not denying Kanye clearly finds Beyonce's music more desirable than Taylor Swift's, or possibly any country music for that matter, but it is not fair to blame his actions on his

We witnessed this same sort of behavior from Rep. Joe Wilson, a white man, just last week when he shouted, "You lie!" during President Obama's speech on Health Care Re-

If Kanye was acting out as a result of his race, what's Wilson's excuse? Perhaps being black or white doesn't influence such behavior, but rather one's own manners and respect for others.

It is obvious Wilson did not agree with what the president was saying, just as Kanye disagreed with MTV's choice of best female video, but there is a time and place to voice such opinions. Neither the Radio City Music Hall nor the Capitol was looking like complete fools.

Needless to say, after this incident, my eyes stayed glued to the VMAs. I witnessed Beyonce receiving the best video of the year award, and all I could think was, "Congrats, Kanye, on being the biggest idiot of the year."

After throwing such a hissy-fit on stage, complaining that Beyonce should have won best female video, she won best video!

I honestly hope he felt stupid, especially after she allowed Taylor Swift to have her moment. What a lady, that Beyonce.

Granted, Kanye West did apologize to the country singer, but that can only take him so far out of this mess. Such an act of rudeness and utter disrespect far outweighs a couple of apologies.

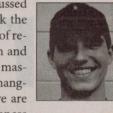
So how about this: let's brush up on our manners and practice celebrating each other in one another's accomplishments.

At least that way, we can avoid

Opinionated Spirits: Shampoo Effect

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

've discussed last week the process of recovering from and progressively mastering the hangover, but there are instances



when just a recovery is not good enough. Some parties are not over in a single night.

Events like Mardi Gras, Christmas Festival or birthday weekends require more drinking throughout a longer period. This leads to continued intoxication from one day to the next, and the best method to fix the brutal hangovers that tend to follow these events is to start drinking

Utilizing the "shampoo effect" is the best way to go about keeping your buzz on a multiple-day binge.

I admit, before anyone gives me credit, that I didn't come up with the title of this useful and proven method of continued intoxication. My sister came up with the title after years of first-hand accounts and ex-

Like many great ideas, she stumbled upon it going through her daily routine as it was right in front of her eyes every day.

The name "shampoo effect" is literally named after the hair cleansing gel that we use when we shower.

Imagine if you will that you have just splashed a glob of shampoo slightly smaller than the palm of your hand. You lather it in your hair and sensually rub it through your strands and around your scalp as it drips down with the rest of the warm water rolling off your body.

After rinsing it thoroughly out of your hair, some are finished washing their hair while others choose to repeat the process, as recommended on many shampoo bottles. Those people who repeat can attest that the glob of shampoo used during the first cycle is quite larger than required for the second.

It only takes a small dab of shampoo for the repeat cycle, and your hair is just as lathered up as it was when you placed a larger amount of shampoo in it the first time.

This is the essence of the sham-

Less is not always more, unless you know how to drink properly.

Imagine again, if you will, that you have just woken up from a long night with a headache that you have no recollection of how you got it.

Like I have said before, the taste, smell or even appearance of alcohol will cause premature regurgitation for some drinkers during a hangover. If one can dare to continue drinking again, however, it will not take much to get that buzz back.

Men might have to slum a bit and try a rather girly drink, but this is acceptable for newbies having trouble in the morning. Bloody Marys might be a more acceptable choice for experienced drinkers.

You finish one drink. Each baby sip bit at your stomach and liver, but they begin healing. You start to feel a little better and even a warm tickle inside as you think to yourself, "Well that wasn't so bad." As you begin your second drink, you start to wake



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By the end of it you feel even better, much better. The buzz has come back, and by the end of the third drink, chances are you will be close to being as drunk as you were the night before.

It did not take the amount of drinks as it did the previous night or a tab at Antoon's that says you'll be effect is not only effective, but reeating Easy Mac for the next week or

At that moment in the morning, you can smile in victorious joy over

the lightweights who have spent a considerably less amount of money than you have at the bar.

Now you know how it feels to be heavily inebriated while spending very little money to do so. All it took was a little dab, just like in the

This proves how the shampoo warding as well. It helps with drinking financial management and continued intoxication on necessary

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Find the courage to spit water on stage

Paul Randall Adams Guest Columnist

three-yearold violinist stood with next to Andre Rieu in 2005 and prepared to play a solo with the world-re-



nowned Johann Strauss Orchestra. He stood in his coat tails, tiny

violin in hand, when he decided that he wanted to show the audience of more than 3,000 people a trick that he could do with a bottle of water.

With pride, he took a swig of water, stuck the bottle to his ear and spit it out at his feet. The audience laughed, Akim en-

joyed himself. Everybody was happy. It makes one wonder—at what point does one stop being able to merely be himself and instead be what society plans for him to be?

As a society, it seems that we

ers think of us than what we think of ourselves. We often sacrifice our own beliefs, our own desires, to be the "successful" product of society.

I catch myself stopping and thinking about what others would think of me if I did something, said something, wrote something. I sometimes reconsider my dreams because they seem lofty, irrational and childish to those around me.

Why do we allow ourselves to be redefined by our peers?

Sometimes I wish people would be less social, less affected by others. Sometimes people need to listen to only themselves.

This world would have gone nowhere if we had listened to the judgments of others.

Stagnant societies die young. But I think the greater problem here is the expectations that we hold for one another. We don't find it

and go about our ways. Our friends must have the same goals as we do, want the same things as us. They must fall in the same social circles as we do and like the same TV shows.

We've become a society of

clones, a society of look-alikes. We hold each other to impossible standards. We disown those who say embarrassing things. We call out

those who do embarrassing things. We have this higher-thanmighty feeling that anything our friends do reflects on us.

I think it's time for me to point out that people don't truly care what your friends do.

The things they do don't really have a bearing on the world around you, except to maybe embarrass you for a minute or two.

Your friends can only humiliate

you if you allow them that power. You can't expect them to follow your set of expectations. You can't expect people to follow the paramenough to simply expect friendship

eters that you set for life.

We complain that our parents thrust their dreams upon us, and our teachers press unrealistic expectations on us.

Some of us have to live in the shadows of our siblings who did great things; some of us have to be the example for our younger siblings. We grumble because we get

stuck in these roles that are prepared

for us, and yet we thrust those same expectations on those around us.

Sometimes, it's really okay to spit water at our feet before a crowd

Sometimes it's okay to sing loudly and obnoxiously in the car, despite who's riding with you. It's okay to screw up sometimes, and not fear being judged by the world.

The time we have is too short to be concerned with what others think about us. There comes a time in our lives when we have to break out of the role that society's placed upon us.

Bull: WTF

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

'm going to start off by saying that I have always been a big fan of NSU sports.



I have always tried to find the light at the end of the tunnel and turn positives into nega-

How ever, this time I

feel there is a big problem as far as the football team

Now, I know that Coach Peveto has his hands full with a bunch of freshmen and trying to get everyone to buy into his new scheme.

I am also well aware that Coach Cooley has brought his high-powered offense from UCA here to NSU, and he too doesn't quite have the personnel he needs to run his offense

Having said all that, this year is going to be a rocky one to say the

Now I know I said, only a few weeks ago that we would be good and win conference and all that jazz, but thus far I'm going to have to retract those statements.

I just don't see how a team that had the best recuriting class in the FCS can still be playing, for lack of a better term, badly.

There is a two-part reason as to why I'm being an Indian prognosti-

First, it's because of the teams that we are playing. I don't know if you were aware that our bitter rival SFA just absolutely destroyed someone this past weekend 92-0.

On the same note our other bitter rival from Lake Charles, Mc-Neese State, just beat the perennial power-house App. State.

On top of that Texas Houston St. and Nicholls St. are al-

ways dog fights anyways. Plus we have the joy of traveling

to Waco to take on Baylor, again.

The second reason is that its going to take a lot longer for Peveto to get this team going than I had imag-

The Houston game I'm giving a pass on, because well UH is now the 21st ranked team in the nation and just upset the number five Oklahoma St. in Stillwater.

However, the Grambling game I cannot give a pass to.

I know that Grambling has a good team, but this years GSU team is not as good as last years team, and we beat them.

There is no reason that any team should have six turnovers in one game, I mean I could understand if you had six turnover in say four or five games. That is just ridiculous.

Quarterback John Hundley had more interceptions thrown in this one game than he did all of last sea-

Along with his four picks, NSU had two fumbles.

I say all that to say that with the remaining schedule that NSU has, it honestly kinda scares me, because there is a chance we can start off 0-4 or possibly even 0-6.

And with the "Peveto Promise" there is a good chance people will be asking for their money back, and no one wants to lose money. With all that I have nothing against Coach Peveto. I'm just calling it like I see it.

So, I really hope that I'm wrong and that Peveto and his coaching staff turns things around and wins out, that would be awesome and if it happens I'll be right here saying my

And by no means do I think that the coaching staff is incapable of turning this season around.

As I said before I'm hoping that they do. I just don't see it going that

way though. The opinion expressed in this column are the views of the writer and not the

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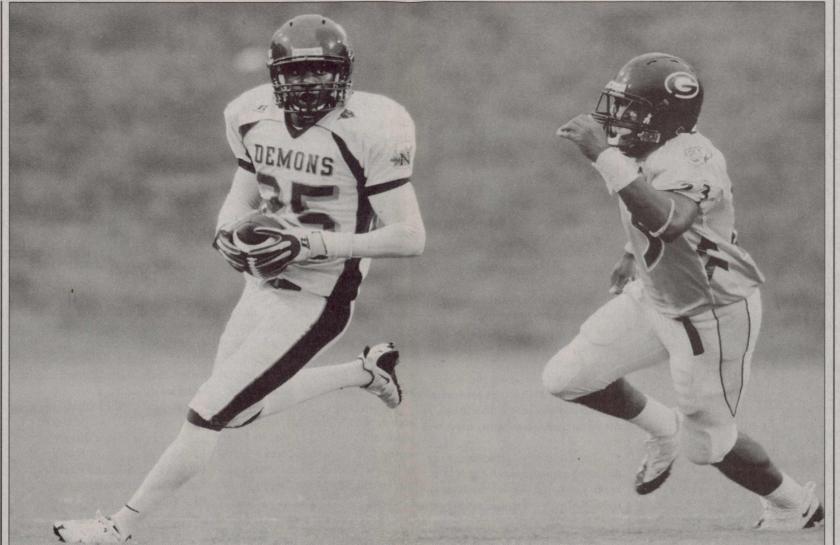


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Saftey (25) Wesley Eckles returning the second of his two interceptions in the 38-17 loss to Grambling State.

ligers mau emons

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

aturday night was a tale of two halves for the Northwestern State demon football

team. What seemed to be a game that would end in a close one, quickly became a game that made a wide turn in favor of the Grambling State Tigers with the final score being 38-17.

NSU had their way with the Grambling State Tigers but by halftime, the Demons 'lead only 14-7 thanks to three ineffective redzone trips and a fumble by Quentin Castille that was returned 37 yards for a touchdown by Desmond Lenard.

"I thought we dominated the first half and didn't have enough to show for it." Demon Head Coach Bradley Peveto said. "I can't remember seeing a team score three defensive touchdowns, but they made

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State Lady Demon cross

A time for the Northwestern

country team in a meet at McNeese,

Karensa Ellis repeated her standings

as the top Lady Demon finisher on

Saturday at the Louisiana Tech Mook

race (2.5 miles), good enough for an

ed of NSU, McNeese State, Louisiana

College and the host team, Louisiana

Tech. NSU defeated Louisiana Col-

lege in the dual results with 87 points

to LC's 231. NSU also defeated Tech

(187) but fell to McNeese State (20).

runners place in the top 20 - Lawana

The Lady Demons had three

eighth place overall finish.

Ellis was timed at 12:22 in the 4k

In team action, the meet consist-

4 Invitational.

to them." After halftime, the tigers picked up where they left off, making big defensive plays to keep them in the game and eventually jolting them pass the Demons.

"You have to give Grambling

Demon quarterback John Hundley threw an interception to senior defensive end Christian Anthony. =Anthony returned the interception for 14 yards then flipped the ball to Nigel Copeland who finished the last ten yards for a touchdown.

On the ensuing demon drive, to the same player, Christian Antho-

LE and returned the under thrown screen pass to pay dirt to give the Tigers a 21-14 lead only five minutes into the second half.

"Christian Anthony is a great He rushed for 78 yards and a touch-

Perkins (14th, 12:48) and Ali Fon-

Jones (21st, 13:16), Redd Williams

(25th, 13:34) and Brittany Culotta

event with a time of 11:52 while Mc-

Neese State took the next five places.

was the Demons' top finisher with a

22:08 clocking in the four mile run

for a 12th place finish. Dusty Dis-

chler placed 15th at 22:18 and Cam-

eron Mehl was timed at 22:42 for a

19th place finish to round out the

top three individual places with

Joshua Sawe taking the top honors

McNeese State held down the

Also placing for NSU was Kirstie

Tulane's Rebecca Coady won the

On the men's side, Josh Crandell

tenot (19th, 13:07).

Cross Country off to a running start

those plays tonight and my hat is off player." Peveto said. "We knew that down on 15 carries. Griffen also had coming in and anybody who didn't 5 catches for 38 yards. know, saw tonight."

that not a lot of other guys would

NSU was happy to see the end of credit for turning it around with the a nightmare-esque third quarter but two interceptions and two fumbles. plays they made on defense," Peveto not before the tigers put three points on the board, extending their lead to

> The 37 yd field goal was the first non defensive points by GSU.

"We took three big blows in a row there. We kept playing hard but we stopped making plays, Peveto

There were some bright spots Hundley threw another interception for the Demons in last Saturdays game. Newly aquired, via transfer, runningback Quentin Castille got This time, Anthony lined up at his first 100-yard rushing game as a Demon, carrying the ball 18 times for a total of 106 yards and one touchdown. William Griffen also had a good game on the ground.

The defense, despite the score, He made some big-time plays also played a good game, only allowing 10 points from the opposing of-

It also forced four turnovers, The two interceptions were by saftey Wesley Eckles.

The main weak point for NSU was the passing game. Quarterback John Hundley was 13 of 28 for 138 yards and four interceptions. two of which were returned for touch-

The offense, along with the four picks, coughed up the ball twice, both of which were returned for touchdowns. This Saturday, coach Peveto and the Demon football team try to keep their "promise" as the home opener kicks off at 6:00 p.m. at Turpin Stadium. They will face off against the North Dakota Fighting Sioux, who are 0-1, coming off of a 38-13 beat down by Texas Tech.

Home, sweet home

Jimmie Walker

Staff Reporter

he 6-2 Lady Demon soccer team's impressive undefeated homestand came to an end after losing to nationally ranked Oklahoma State.

This, however, was not before they extended their home game win streak to 5-0 with a win over the Southeast Missouri State Redhawks, Friday night at the Lady Demon Soccer Complex.

Senior forwards Chelsea Gibbs and Maddy Hall led the team to a 2-0 victory, improving upon the team's best start in school history.

"We weren't familiar with the team but we knew we had to urgent and hustle for 90 minutes." Chelsea Gibbs said.

Gibbs, the reigning two-time Southland Conference Player of the Week, gave the Lady Demons some breathing room scoring from 27 feet out on a free kick with 15 seconds left in the first half.

She currently leads the team with five goals.

"We work on free kicks all the time." Gibbs said. "It's important to score whenever possible. They weren't set and I played the opportu-

"If you notice her goals, they come in big games," said Lady Demons Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell. "She rises to the occasion. I challenged her this week because I don't think she played very well on Sunday. I think she responded and gave us a much better effort tonight."

Maddy Hall put the game out of reach with her 30 yard strike in the 72nd minute.

"That was a very difficult goal because she had to turn her hips so much," Mitchell said of Hall. "She was going away from the goal and had to turn on her plant foot in order

to get that shot on goal." "One thing about Maddy is that she is very goal-oriented. As a forward, sometimes you have to be selfish and I don't mean that in a bad way. That time it paid off for us", Mitchell said.

A shutout is not earned with just offense. The Lady Demon soccer team's defense play physical all night.

Gibbs said, "We wanted to be aggressive and force mistakes on their end."

Preseason All-Southland Conference goalie Lindy Strahan had six saves in 90 minutes of game play.

Sunday, the lady demons suffered a lost at the hands of the Ok St. Cowgirls.

The match was closely contested on both ends but a controversial corner kick in the 34th minute gave Ok. St the lead.

"I was really frustrated at the first goal," Mitchell said. "I felt like that broke our back a little bit. We gave up a corner kick and they fin-

The match remained close until the final eight minutes of the game. The cowgirls scored two goals within that time frame putting the match out of reach and handing the lady demons its first shutout of the sea-

"I thought our effort was tremendous, but we knew coming in that we needed to keep it within one goal," Mitchell said. "Our legs just gave out at the end.

The Lady Demons end their four-game

homestand Sunday against Tulsa.

Photo by Gary Hardamon

The cross country teams begins its meet at Louisiana Tech.

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NSU welcomes enrollment increase City repairs

Shelita Dalton Staff Reporter

espite its diminishing budget, NSU is seeing an increase in students.

NSU's enrollment numbers have risen to 9,247 - a population growth of 136 from last fall.

"I think particularly, in an economy like this, it gives you an additional good feeling to know that the university is continuing to increase in enrollment," said NSU President Randall Webb.

The group that experienced the most growth was the incoming freshmen class, with an increase of 119. The transfer student population has also grown by 114.

Milan Moore, a freshmen health and exercise science major, said she chose NSU because she was looking for a school with a good pre-physical therapy program.

"I chose Northwestern after doing a lot of researching," Moore said. "Their program is more hands on, so I believe I'll be more prepared [when I graduate]."

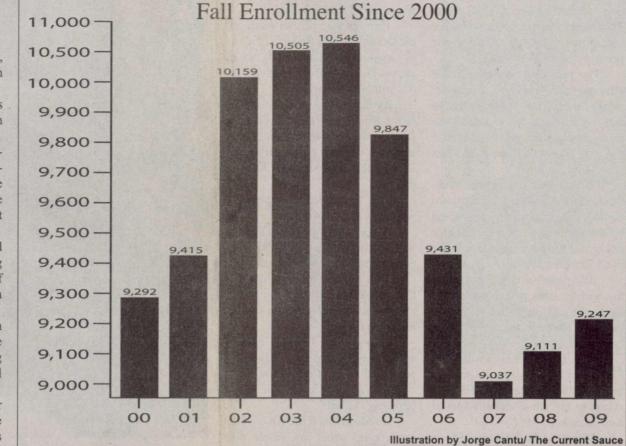
the university for other reasons.

school, so I looked into it," said Lauren Lewis, freshmen journalism major. "I was looking at the campus and I liked it."

decision after attending Freshmen Connection.

Webb said the enrollment numbers can be contributed to the university as a whole.

"I hope our faculty, staff and



students feel better because the en-Some incoming students chose rollment really is a reflection of all of us and our contributions to the for us," Webb said. "My friend told me about the university as to whether students are finding that Northwestern is the ex- and easier for students to use and ceptional place we think it is or not,"

"We'll continue to look at ways Lewis said she made her final whereby we market the university."

One step taken towards increasing the marketability of the university has been the newly redesigned Internet site. The site was introduced in early August.

of what we're trying to do because in ing sure the new students actually a sense, it's kind of a long term effort stay.

that the info is more accurate and up

The hike in enrollment can potentially bring increased revenue to NSU. Although it could be minimal. Webb said the increase could at least help offset some budgetary prob-

He added that one of the impor-"[With the site] you get a sense tant things to focus on now is mak- they've had."

"We've got to ensure that we "We hope it's more attractive have such good programs, services and support for students that they will stay here year after year and graduate here, because we're going to be evaluated on the state level on our ability to do those things," Webb

> "Another important thing is for the students to be satisfied when they graduate and to be well pleased with the experience and the education

SGA prepares to expand student fee spectrum

David Royal

News Editor

hroughout the semester, the Student Government Association plans to gauge students' opinions and determine which NSU students will be assessed fees.

SGA President Kayla Wingfield said, currently, only about 1,200 students pay university fees. The problem, however, is that many of the other students, who do not pay fees, are still taking advantage of NSU's services.

"This situation simply isn't fair," Wingfield said.

Wingfield explained that the SGA cannot make much of a differ-

has a better idea of which students should be charged a fee. The SGA's constitution states

ence, however, until the organization

that full-time and part-time are to pay the fee, but she added that the definition of those two types have changed since it was written.

To solve the problem, the SGA will write a referendum that will clearly outline who is required to pay student fees, Wingfield said.

At this point, Wingfield said she and her executive board plan to stipulate that if a student takes at least one credit hour on campus or lives within a 60 mile radius of the university's Natchitoches campus, then he or she will be charged student fees.

ple who want to use our services or already do use our services, but haven't paid the fee," Wingfield

Wingfield said students who fall under the stipulations of the referendum will have to pay about \$223 in student self-assessed fees. These fees cover areas such as the SGA, WRAC and tech department.

Because the SGA will not actually be adding any new fees, Wingfield said the referendum simply has to be approved by the Senate - rather than go up for vote by the student

Since it does not have to be approved by the student body, she

"This referendum is for peo- added that the SGA will ensure that students' opinions will be considered while the referendum is being

"With something this big, [the SGA] will definitely be looking into how the students feel about it," Wingfield said.

The SGA is planning to hold three financial aid forums this semester that will serve as an opportunity for students to voice their feel-

ings concerning the issue. After they have a better understanding of what the student body wants, Wingfield said she and the

Senators will write the referendum and vote on it at the beginning of next semester.

Student with genetic disease fears potential health care plan

David Royal News Editor

ince 2005, Krista Dixon has spent a large fraction of her life in a hospital.

Dixon, a sophomore nursing student at NSU, was diagnosed with a rare disease called Hereditary An-

gioedema (HAE) when she was 15. HAE is an immune and protein deficiency that causes random epigans, limbs, face and airway.

HAE is normally contracted month in the hospital or bed. hereditarily from a parent's gene form of the disease, according to www.hereditaryangioedema.com. through a spontaneous genetic muta- on's mother, Caroline Dixon, extion – only one out of 50,000 people plained that she and her husband use have this form.

limbs and extremities can be ex- to cover the co-pay. tremely painful, an HAE patient is at the most risk when the swelling of proposed health care plan is passed, the face or throat occurs, which can result in suffocation.

Dixon receives an injection of C1- strains of HAE.

inhibitor – a protein that balances out her deficiency - every other day. The medication is given intravenously through a port located in her

One dose of the medication costs \$4,700, Dixon said.

Before being put on the medication in 2006, Dixon explained that she was hospitalized or restricted to her bed at least two weeks out of every month.

Even with her medication, sodes of swelling in the internal or- however, she said her episodes still cause her to spend about three days a

one out of 10,000 people have this said she was admitted into the hospital about 10 times.

To cover their daughter's a private insurance company as their Although the swelling of the primary coverage and use Medicaid

If President Barack Obama's however, the Dixon family could potentially struggle even more to To help regulate her episodes, cope with the medical and monetary

elected that it is his intention of reforming the nation's health care plan within the first year of his presiden-

"[The new plan] will provide more security and stability to those who have health insurance," Obama "It will provide insurance to

those who don't. And it will lower the cost of health care for our families, our businesses, and our govern-If passed, Obama's bills will

create a new insurance marketplace In the past year alone, Dixon - the Exchange - which will provide cheap plans to those who normally cannot afford health insurance.

Dixon said this is the source of Dixon, however acquired the disease \$74,000 monthly medical bill, Dix- her biggest fear associated with the reformed plan.

The government-run Exchange will be able to lower their prices so low that private insurance companies will be unable to stay in business, Dixon said.

"You just can't compete with

the government," Dixon said. Mrs. Dixon said her private insurance - Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee - is an excellent plan and

Obama made it clear upon being she would be angry if the Exchange ran her coverage out of business.

The Dixons' plan allows coverage of a family of four for about \$100 a week, with 80 percent medical coverage, a \$500 deductible and prescription benefits.

Mrs. Dixon said she fears that Obama's plan could ultimately eliminate these options.

"I am fortunate to be able to provide my family with great health coverage, and although I pay a lot for it, it is my choice to do so," Mrs.

Another area of her life in which Dixon expects to change if the reformed plan is approved is the supply and administration of her medi-

Dixon said she has spoken with HAE patients in other countries who have similar universal heath care plans that Obama intends to model his plan after, and they told her that they have difficulty receiving medication in an efficient manner.

Under his plan, the government will have greater control of the supply and distribution of medication,

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riverfront

Sarah Person Staff Reporter

The City of Natchitoches is currently employing repairs to the sea wall on the downtown riv-

This project is a continuation of one that that began a few years ago. The city restarted its work about three weeks ago and the goal is to be finished mid October.

Roughly, 1,200 linear feet of seawall are being repaired. There has been erosion to the sea wall which protects the riverbank from being worn away by Cane River.

Randy LaCaze, City of Natchitoches' director of community development, said the downtown seawall replacement project is way over

"It was in a very deteriorated condition and was leaning severely out toward the river in several spots," LaCaze said.

Currently, workers are taking out the current sea wall to rebuild it and now they are back filling the

Courtney Hornsby, director of programming and promotions for the city, said the renovation has a lot to do with making people safe.

"In order for the people to be safe, there has to be that border protection from the water and the actual land," Hornsby said.

Three different agencies are paying for the project: Cane River Water Way Commission, the City of Natchitoches and the Historic District Development Commission.

The continuation of the project has been planned for a while.

Hornsby explained that the north portion of the riverbank, near the city's trolly house, was worked on two to three years ago.

"We've always wanted to do the remainder of it," Hornsby said. "We were just now able to pull the funding and the timing was right that we were able to do it."

The riverbank will now be more stable, and holes will be filled between the land and the water's edge,

There were a lot holes that made it dangerous for pedestrians that were down there, children in particu-"The most beneficial aspect of

the project is the aesthetic appeal of the new wall being as straight as possible and having as few break or turn spots as possible," LaCaze said. The new wall should last 30 to 40 years and will become the base

that are planned. During this project, the boat ramps on the water were torn up, and the concrete from the ramps were

for the other improvement projects

broken up. "We filled it with dirt so now the river bank is a flat consistent edge, and it doesn't dip down where you used to go for the river," Hornsby

Another portion of the renovation and beautification project is to save the trees down on the riverbank, which the city plans to start in the upcoming month.

"[The trees] are very historic, very old," Hornsby said. "Some of them are a hundred years old or older. They have very large roots and keep growing."

As a result, she said the roots have caused the concrete in the area to buckle, making the land uneven.

With the asphalt being removed, there will be no more parallel parking spots but instead there will be more grassy, green areas in order for the trees to grow.

"The roots are never going to stop growing, so we know the roadway is going to continue to get buckled," Hornsby said. '

According to city officials, the downtown area is critical for economic growth, so it is important to keep it presentable and safe.



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which could serve as a serious problem for people with health conditions that may require medication immediately at times of outbreak.

This is not an ideal situation for Dixon and others with HAE because varying medication needs, Mrs. Dix-

Currently, Dixon has the freedom of having her fiancée, Jason Thibodeaux, assist her with her privacy of their own home.

The new plan, however, could eliminate the option of Dixon receiving medication at her discretion and require her to go to a doctor to receive her medication at a set time.

Thibodeaux said he thinks this

"By being able to get her medication in the confines of her own home, at the time she needs it and by someone she trusts, Krista is able to keep a little more normalcy in her life," Thibodeaux said.

Additionally, the bill put up by the Senate states that those buying their plans through the Exchange must receive their care from "medical homes."

These medical homes will entail a customer being assigned a primary doctor and having that doctor control access to specialists and any special care, such as an MRI

If Dixon is forced to settle for a government ran insurance plan, as a result of her private insurance company going out of business, then she will have limited access to medical

specialists, which Mrs. Dixon said is critical for a HAE patient.

"Because of the risk presented by her airway swelling, it is imperative that Krista has access to specialists," Mrs. Dixon said.

Dixon said she meets with her those with the disease each have HAE specialist about three times a year and at times has required the need of a gastroenterologist and a plastic surgeon for the scarring she has received from her port.

Through their private insurance, medication every other day in the the Dixon's have a Preferred Provider Organization plan (PPO), which allows Dixon to meet with specialists without a referral.

By not having to wait for a referral, Mrs. Dixon said her daughter can be tested and treated quicker by someone who has particular knowledge concerning the needs of HAE

This is particularly important when Dixon has an episode.

"It's all about quality of life, and with this new plan there will be no personal service," Mrs. Dixon said.

Both mother and daughter said they think the bills will not pass. Dixon said she feels there is just too much opposition.

Thibodeaux, Dixon's fiancée, agrees, saying that the Congress is seeing all of the town house meetings taking place across the nation opposing the bills.

He added that if the government really cares about the people then they would take those opinions into

"It's all about politics now, not health care," Thibodeaux said.



Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce

NSU student, Krista Dixon, prepares to receive her dose of C1-inhibitor to regulate her immune and protein deficiency. If passed, President Obama's health care plan could prevent Dixon from performing this task in her home.

DeRidder businessman leaves \$550,000 to NSU

Casey Renolds

Staff Reporter

ichard Davis, of DeRidder parish, donated a gift of \$550,000 to the NSU Foundation to fund student schol-

Davis left the large monetary sum to NSU after he died in 2006.

Two major portions of the donation will be split between the NSU Foundation and the Athletic Depart-

ment, the News Bureau reported. The Athletic Department will

receive \$300,000 and \$220,000 will go to the foundation.

"The continued growth of the program's athletic scholarship endowment through gifts such as the one from Mr. Davis will certainly put the athletic program in a better position to sustain that priority," NSU Athletic Director Greg Burke when people have sizeable estates

NSU President Randall Webb explained that the remaining \$30,000 means so much. will be divided into six \$5,000 student scholarships.

Three scholarships are designated to student-athletes and the other three to students with at least a 3.0 grade point average.

The scholarships will only be made available to students from Beauregard and Vernon Parish.

"It is all the more humbling said in a news release for the News like that and who are that generous to this school," Webb said.

The foundation will endow the

the six \$5,000 scholarships.

The foundation plans to take \$60,000 and apply for a matching amount to award two scholarships for "first generation" students.

"It is wonderful for this school because we get a lot of first generation students," Webb said.

Davis taught at LaGrange High School, instructed the Brigade Na-"It just warms our hearts and it worked in timber management in to give money to endow scholar-Beauregard Parish.

Davis' father Richard "Rough remaining \$220,000 after awarding and Ready" Davis was a baseball

and track letterman at Louisiana State Normal School (now NSU). Davis left money to the university to help students and athletes because of his father's involvement in Louisiana Normal School athletics, reported the News Bureau.

NSU has begun its second capital campaign to raise funds.

One of the prime emphases of tional Guard in Lake Charles and the campaign is to try to get people ships for students, Webb said.

"This just fits right into it,"



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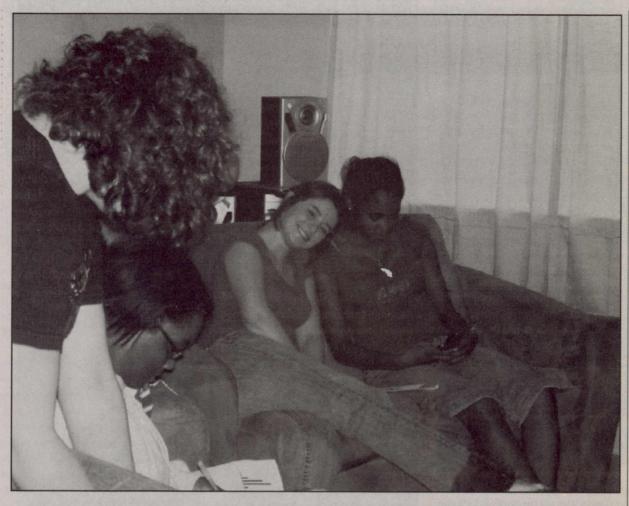


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Freshman journalism major Morgan Cooper and her roommates hanging out in their dorm room in University Place Phase II.

Rising enrollment concerns NSU student 'population'

Casey Reynolds Sauce Reporter

SU's student population has steadily gone up for the past two years, increasing enrollment by 136 students from fall 2008

Students like Morgan Cooper and Brandi White are concerned with the growing student population.

Cooper, a freshman journalism major, was scheduled to move in to University Place Phase II on movein day but ended up residing in the

co-ed dormitory, Varnado Hall. Varnado Hall was closed in 2008. It was re-opened last fall and re-opened this fall for overflow housing from the University Columns and University Place Phases I

and II. Cooper received a letter before school started saying that she would be moving into University Place Phase II. The letter said she needed to report to the University Place tent on move-in day.

University Place Phase II told her to go to Phase I and Phase I told her to go to the housing office. The

housing office gave her a key to a room in Varnado Hall.

"I called my mom and told her said. that it was not the place we had toured," Cooper said.

Cooper did not receive any notice of the change. It was three weeks until Cooper was able to move into University Place Phase II. She was still paying the University Place rent while she spent her time in Varnado.

She said she didn't like the coed bathrooms and that the laundry room was in the basement.

"I felt unsafe and uncomfort-

NSU President Randall Webb late." talked about student housing concerns. "We will have to see if the higher enrollment is a trend [before addressing housing and parking con-

Enrollment is compared from fall semester to fall semester and tickets for parking in illegal spots. spring semester to spring semester and is currently at 9,247 students.

Webb also said that enrollment may be going up as a result of the economy.

economy as being bad then that can result in higher college enrollment from adults and even some high

school students who weren't planning on going to college," Webb

"We will be looking at all of this

Brandi White, a junior theatre major, had trouble one semester with being late for a class. She had a choir class in the Creative and Performing Arts building (CAPA) and had to drive to Bienvenue Biology building for a class ten minutes later. She was

"I dropped the class because it was in Bienvenue and the teacher was lowering my grade for being

White would drive from CAPA to Bievenue in an attempt to arrive on time. The lack of available parking spots made it difficult to consistently arrive on time.

White also dealt with getting

"If I'm all ready paying \$150.00 for a book then don't give me a \$25.00 ticket.

Cooper and White have been faced with issues caused by a larger "When people perceive the student population than accommodations allow. They think that these need to be attended to if the student population continues to grow.

'Particle Physics' recognized on air

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

very weekday, a minute after noon, Garrison Keillor reads a poem on his radio show, The Writer's Almanac.

The Writer's Almanac, which is broadcasted on National Public Radio, selects work from various authors. Keillor shares his favorite finds with the audience daily.

Last Wednesday, Keillor read a contemporary sonnet named "Particle Physics," written by Julie Kane, professor of English at NSU.

She expressed how honored she was to have her work read on The Writer's Almanac.

"I think he does so much to promote the work of living authors," Kane said. Her poem uses a principle of quantum physics in relation to a divorced couple.

The phenomenon, which states that particles that are paired during an experiment stay linked together after the experiment, is called the double-slit experiment.

Kane's poem is part of her new collection called "Jazz Funeral."

The name is based on the tradition of a jazz funeral where the musicians play uplifting music after the funeral has ended

She said that the theme of the book is a sense of loss and learning to live and cope with it.

Over the summer, Kane submitted her book in a competition and won the Donald Justice Poetry Prize sponsored by Westchester University in Pennsylvania.

As an award, her book was pub-

She said that her poetry comes to her naturally; it is not something she can force.



Published poet and associate professor of English Julie Kane, Ph.D., waiting for her

is for poets to get published, since poetry does not make much profit.

"It used to be that poets formed relationships with publishers," Kane

"Publishers these days have become more commercial."

Some of her favorite poets who have impacted her writing are John Donne, William Yates, Robert Frost, Silvia Plath and Anne Sexton.

"Poets writing in the language JulieKanePoet.com.

Kane explained how difficult it of my time are a huge influence,"

Kane's collection came out in June and already has two reviews.

"I feel relieved that it's getting such a huge reception," Kane said. "Jazz Funeral" is Kane's third

full-length collection of poetry to be In total, she has had seven

books and two chapbooks published and has her own Internet site called

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Call of duty

Andrew Bordelon Staff Reporter

eroes come in many shapes

There are the hereos that literally wear a cape when they go to work, some carry diaper bags, others use stethoscopes and deliberators and a few wear red trunks and a sil-

But at NSU, a hero wears a hair

It is not expected that CPR would come in handy while working behind a grill.

But with quick thinking and proper training, one Sodexo employee changed a student's day and saved Kellie Gill, a Sodexo cashier in

Iberville, was walking through the dining room and noticed a young lady sitting near the My Kitchen area with her head between her legs.

"At first I thought she was going to be sick," Gill said.

The young lady then pushed herself back in her chair and started running toward the door.

Gill noticed the lady's face was



Photo by Andrew Bordelon/The Current Sauce Iberville cashier, Kellie Gill poses for a photo after she saved a student's life.

blue in color and she was choking. Being trained in First Aid and CPR, Gill grabbed the young lady and performed the Heimlich maneu-

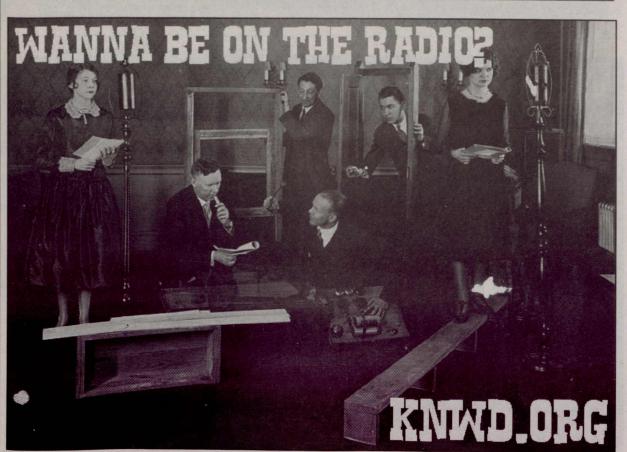
After a minute or so of thrusting, a piece of food came flying out

of the young lady's mouth. Thanks to Gill's quick reac- thinking.

tion and training, the young lady was able to sit back down with her friends and go on with her day.

"Everything was OK after that,"

NSU Sodexo manager, Charles Lear, will be recognizing Gill formally in the near future for her quick



Administrative assistants recognized for 30 years of service

Mary Jordan Sauce Reporter

SU recently honored two administrative assistants for careers spanning 30 years each. Both Bobbie Jackson and Amy Vaughn say their lives were and still are entwined with NSU and its stu-

Amy Vaughn started her career here at NSU in 1980 as a steno clerk. She worked part time in the business and administration building. After 10 years, the department was reorganized, and she started with the office she is currently in: the creative and performing arts building.

Before her office was reorganized and placed in the building it is now, Vaughn was also in the alumni center and then the infirmary. She was a processing operator, a secretary and now an administrative assistant.

Vaughn also had time to raise her family here at NSU. Her husband Larry Vaughn, who also happens to be her high school sweetheart, worked in the NSU University Police department when she first started in 1980. He later went to the Natchitoches police department and is now the assistant police chief.

Vaughn's two children earned their degrees from NSU as well.

Her son earned his four- year degree in criminal justice and is now in wildlife enforcement. Her daughter earned her four- year degree in social work and is now a counselor.

During her 30 years at NSU, Vaughn says she has enjoyed helping the students as well as working with and helping the faculty.

"I have enjoyed it, but I am ready to go home," Vaughn said.

You might have guessed it. Vaughn's next goal here at NSU is to retire. Her husband will be due for retirement as well, giving them time to spend with one another, their children and their three grandchildren.

While it may not be time for Vaughn to retire quite yet, her colleagues know that the time will come. Losing someone who has been at NSU for 30 years is no small

"You can't buy experience," said Priscilla Kilcrease, director of research and sponsored programs.

"The knowledge and experience Mrs. Vaughn brings to this position is invaluable and cannot be replaced.

The other administrative assistant honored was Bobbie Jackson for her 30 years of service in the language and communications depart-

When Jackson first started at NSU, she was with student support services. After about three years, she moved to development education. After eight years, she moved to the language and communications department, and that is where she plans

"I enjoy working with the stu- here."



Photo by Mary Jordan/ The Current Sauce Administrative Assistant of Language and Communications Bobbie Jackson preparing to help students in her office

dents and the people at NSU," Jackson said. "We are like a family."

"The Department of Language and Communication is proud of Ms. Jackson's achievement and we're pleased to be able to celebrate with her," said Sarah McFarland, acting head of the department of language and communication via e-mail inter-

"This department wouldn't be the same without her skillful handling of day-to-day business, aided by her many years of university ex-

"Everyone on campus knows Bobbie, and we're lucky to have her

Jackson's two sons graduated from NSU, Chris with a criminal justice degree and Gary with a business administration degree with a minor in marketing.

Jackson said that NSU has given her as much as she has given NSU. "That's the good part."

Jackson is proud of her career and her work. She enjoys the students and seeing them go out into the world and becoming productive

Seeing students get their degrees makes Jackson feel that she has fulfilled her duties at NSU

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Photo by Mary Jordan/ The Current Sauce Administrative Assistant of Creative and Performing Arts Amy Vaughn greeting students as they come into the departments' office.

CALL Program accomadates nontraditional students

Taylor Graves Sauce Reporter

The NSU Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL) has opened doors of success for nontraditional stu-

The CALL program began in 2007 with Darlene Williams, who is the vice president for technology, research, and economic development, and 170 students.

Since then, the program has grown with over 300 students and 24 degree programs.

Through this program, adults over the age of 21 can complete degrees which they may have started earlier in life or earn a brand new degree.

Students in the program come from all walks of life, mostly in the workforce and range from late 20s to mid 50s.

Since the program includes adults from various ages, self-assessment tests have been designed to help an adult determine if he or she is ready for online classes.

These tests include computer compatibility, system requirements and a questionnaire on computer and said. internet comfort and skill levels.

Adult learners have gained college knowledge through pervious college courses, work experience, traveling and more.

through prior learning credit (PAL).

PAL is a course the students take to learn how to write a narrative explaining life experiences that have already taught them material for their degree.

Although CALL students take online classes, these classes are designed differently from the classes a full-time NSU student may be ac-

Classes are shorter and designed to be more flexible so the students can work school into their life sched-

CALL students also have the help of Carl Henry and Katie Hall, prior learning advocates.

Henry and Hall help each student through the entire CALL process: from admissions to graduation.

"We try to take stress out of their lives as they go to Northwestern and try to complete their degree," Henry

Henry or Hall to ask questions about Blackboard, class scheduling or how to sign up with the program.

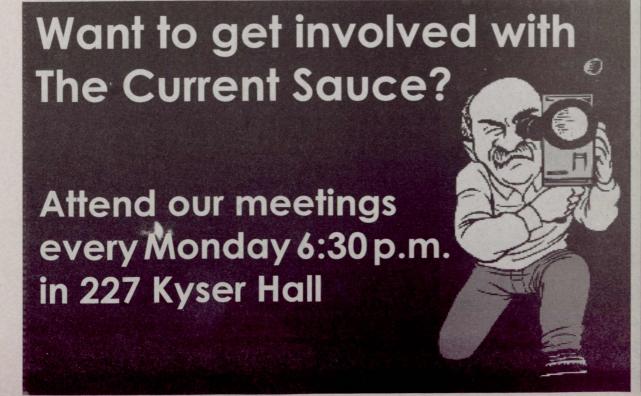
These advocates are there as So, each student has the oppor- customer service helpers for the tunity to challenge up to 23 hours CALL students, and they enjoy every minute of it.

> "The only time we see the students is when they graduate, and it is such an uplifting time for us," Henry



Photo by Ashley Hayes/ Student Media Meredith Founds picks up her daughter from daycare everyday af-

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Be Frank: for the long hall

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

our heart is pounding. Your ears are ringing. Sweat drips from your brow as you gasp for breath.



You know that if you can just push through the pain that it will all cease. You know that if you can just make it a few more steps that the hurt will go away and everything will be better.

But you know if you give up, if you quit running, the pain will subside. If you quit now you will have instantaneous relief.

"Push past the pain" is the phrase that would echo across the track as my coach pushed us for-"Pain is temporary, but pride is forever" is what my directors would repeat throughout the endless rehearsals in the summer

The trek for a collegiate education is similar to the trek around the

track field. You run around in circles waiting for the point just to get a little medal at the end of the race.

You run knowing that everyone else is faster than you and watch in agony as each person crosses the finish line in triumph.

It hurts like hell, and you cannot help but think how easy it would be to throw in the towel and walk out. You feel like you have fallen so far behind. You are convinced there is no way you could catch up.

You know you failed the sociology exam as you shamefully hand it in to the professor.

You are a week late for your first paper and have yet to figure out how you are going to catch up with your Internet course.

You look at yourself in disgust when you get ready in the morning because you have managed to fall so

You are tired and sore and want to quit the race. You want to stop

College is no walk in the park, and many students think it is easy to find the nearest exit.



Photo by Jorge Cantu/The Current Sauce

My first day on a college campus, I sat in the auditorium with the other freshman during freshmen orientation. Our dean of students walked up to the microphone and said, "Look to your neighbor. One of you will not graduate.'

Little did I know, he was talking

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for college students, according to Suicide.org. And the number one cause of suicide in college students is untreated depres-

College burns. It hurts and it sucks the life out of you at times. You spend most of your nights with a pile of books at your side and a cup o' Joe to your right.

College eats you up from the in-

side. It rips at you until you are convinced you have seen your final day.

You are scared and nervous and anxious as a freshman. You look wide-eyed at the seniors and think, "How are they doing this? I will never survive '

You walk lost down the halls wishing that someone would know your name, that someone would reach out and grab your hand.

You long for that phone call from home. You no longer fear the infamous "freshman 15" because you are so depressed that you cannot eat. You haven't made many friends, and you don't want to sit alone in the café. You just wait for someone to

The thing about running is that at some point you no longer feel the

pain. It no longer hurts to push for-

Some call it the "runner's high." Some find it to be the most exhilarating experience. Once you reach that high, you can run for miles. It no longer hurts, and you no longer desire to stop.

But first, before you reach that point, you have to suffer. You have to feel the burn and endure through the pain.

You might never get first place. You might forever see everyone else cross the finish line first. You might still feel alone when you run.

But the thing about the race, it is not the medal that is important. It is the journey you traveled and the choices you made.

It is about each stride that run the long hall.

brought you closer to the finish line. It is about the times you fell down but found the courage and the

strength to stand back up and run. You can spend your entire collegiate career making A's or finishing first. But you can never understand what it means if you never feel the shame of a C or the sting of a safety.

If you never fall down, how can you ever learn to stand up?

And then once you learn, you have the ability to reach over and help those who fall with you.

College is a scary place. It is big and new and different. But this is your opportunity to

practice falling. This is when you get to learn to stand.

You just need to be willing to

Opinionated Spirits: One true love

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

eople say there one special someone for everyone out there, and that fairy tale goddess is some-



times found in rather unusual places. Those depressed, broken-hearted drinkers who find themselves at the bottom of a liquor bottle to lift their spirits don't always find satisfaction.

Some seemingly hopeless heartaches lead to another discovery, however. They find that special soul mate at the bottom of that stash of recuperation booze.

Alcohol is the one true love that will never leave you heartbroken.

Drinking with your significant other is an enjoyable way to pass time and even makes dates more ex-

It is also a method used by some people to get over failed relationships

It is in that bottle, however, that a man can find a mistress who will always keep him satisfied and wanting more.

Her alluring perfume stings the nostrils and seduces a man searching for an intimate rebound. As his standards go out the window, his quality of drink is sure to follow.

Neither an overweight cougar nor a bottle of Taaka Vodka will appear unappealing by the end of the night.

The thing though is that a onenight stand with a girl who slumps for the town drunk will only be satisfying until she discovers the whiskey inhibitor that won't allow you to satisfy her.

Once she leaves, that liquefied brunette slut will be sitting on your coffee table waiting for you to take her top off once again.

As you start to first taste her, you might wonder if it's really worth it, but the more she puts out, the more you delve inside of her.

With every drink you wonder if you should attempt to go all the way, but your confidence is boosted when you realize the fact that she is just as wet as the last time the two of you

She doesn't seem to care who you've been with before. She only indulges in the fact that you've come back to her once again because no matter how painful she is in the

morning, you can always count on her to make you good and stiff by the end of the night.

Sometimes you even pass out before she's done with you, but it doesn't matter how short or long you lasted with her before as long as you come back.

There is no awkward moment where you act like you're not peeking when you both put your clothes back on or an uncomfortable breakfast conversation.

The only walk of shame is your own, depending on how far the two of you went the night before that is.

This type of intimate night is a mere one-night stand for some people who go on short relationship breaks or break ups or even the few regular drunkards who revert to her frequently in times of need.

It is undeniable, however, that she will always be there.

Alcohol is the one partner who will not ask how many others you have been with or if you are carrying anything other than an empty glass.

There will be some consequences, of course, because you cannot have a rainbow with just sunshine.

The rain that is the "heartbreak hangover" is unfortunately a necessary evil, but how would we know happiness without sadness?

Relationships may end, friendships could crumble, but a good drink will always be in the mood to spend time with you, and like a relationship or friendship, it just might reveal something about you that you had not thought of before.

Drinking has the ability to let you into your inner psyche and know just a little bit more about yourself. Some people may find this thought erroneous, but they should recall different ways they have matured or learned things about themselves through different relationships.

The difference between drinking and a relationship is that whether a person changes you for the better or the worse, alcohol will always be honest with you. It brings out those sober thoughts that make or break relationships and friendships.

However, no matter how negatively you may speak about her, the booze will always be waiting for you with open arms.

It holds in its bottle, among its alluring nectar, an ever-faithful companionship. Whether it is in happiness or heartache, a drink will always go down easy and do its best to satisfy your feelings.

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The Great American (

Curtis Desselles Guest Columnist

Great American Club?' No, it's not a

sandwich, but its membership in-

cludes every legal American citizen. To become a member of this club, one must either be born in America or become naturalized. In return for obeying the law, paying taxes, signing up for military service when called upon and performing various civic duties, there is a promise of security, freedom of speech and religion and the use of government services.

There are those that avail themselves of the benefits of The Great American Club without membership. These are the 11 million illegal aliens that the politicians allude to.

As a student of anthropology, I want to make it very clear that I

But on a much more local level,

however, we are always fighting to

be on top. We try to pretend that

cliques, classes and social orders

don't exist on campus. But they are

just a prominent here as anywhere

achievers raise their hands fast, de-

manding to be the first ones chosen

ing to be the fastest, the strongest,

cliques try to get their friends to the

position of president, so that their

opinions will be considered more

seriously when the administration

ing to admit. The overachievers -

myself included - claim that they

are merely helping to make sure that

But that's not what we're will-

the other students didn't feel embar- er motive. We simply hide it. We

rassed because they didn't under- avoid saying that we want anything

to answer the teacher's questions.

the biggest.

changes.

In the classroom, the over-

On the field, the athletes are try-

Within fraternities, the sub-

a source of variation that has made this country great. With that said, it is vital that immigration laws be enforced so that the American way does not become obsolete.

There are many organizations or clubs in the United States. Northwestern State University of Louisiana has its share of clubs and organizations. Each Recognized Student Organization is organized by a set of by-laws and constitutions analogous to the U.S. Constitution. If no rules existed for clubs,

then what would be the use of having a club in the first place? These rules set the club apart from other entities and establish identity. That concept should apply to

the American citizenship process. We are a country of laws and immigration laws should be respected. President Obama stated last

week to the U.S. Congress that there would be no illegal aliens using the services of the proposed public health care program.

This statement produced contro-

view every culture as important and versy because no one believes that immigration laws will be enforced.

> When our police and government officials refuse to check immigration status, the value of citizenship is diluted. There are many federal and state laws that prohibit immigration status verification. This double standard cheapens the value of legal citizenship.

Why would anyone pay taxes, follow the law and fight for freedom if being an American meant noth-

The special status of citizenship instills in each of us a sense of responsibility and civic pride.

I am a veteran and was wounded in battle. I value the process of citizenship and urge each illegal alien to become a citizen. I also urge the government to streamline the immigration process.

The current members of The Great American Club should renew their commitment to America and be active members in the greatest democracy in the history of human-

Hear no evil, see no evil, speak no evil

Paul Randall Adams

Guest Columnist

de rans Waal, one of world's leading primatologists published an article on Sept. 23, 2005, entitled



"We're All Machiavellians."

In this article, de Waal notes that humans and chimpanzees differ only slightly in their social systems.

Chimpanzees, he states, are always fighting for power, for control. The males form coalitions, in which one of the males is strong and the other is smart, a sweet-talker. The strongest and smartest team is the one in power.

Brute force is not enough. Being smart is not enough - they need that perfect mixture. Whenever one of those apes gets cocky, however, they will be immediately overthrown.

But what de Waal also states is that the apes have no qualms with admitting that they are merely out to get power. The chimps don't have any problems openly vying for con-

Humans are also always vying for power. However, our motives are often hidden, shrouded by words like "service" and "duty." Whenever politicians run for an office, they argue that it is their duty to serve the community.



The athletes are merely "taking one for the team" in their training. They are getting better for the sake of their fellow athletes.

And all the supporters of the

stand something.

out to help him realize his dream. They're supporting him because it's where he wants to be. The only thing that's being supported is de Waal's theory. In our

president of an organization are just

a way to disguise our own ambitions as helping each other. Even on a collegiate level, we have found a "duty" to "serve" our

world of doublespeak, we've found

school community for our own gain. We don't often do something for the good of others. We don't often

pursue the things our friends want. simply because our friends want There is almost always anoth-

true humanity.

for ourselves for fear of showing our

I sometimes wish people just had the gall to admit whenever they're pursuing something for solely selfish gain. Sometimes I just wish we would lay down the "sacrificial lamb" act and confess that we are doing something only for our-

selves. It's easier to trust somebody whenever they are honest. Machiavelli's book - the book that de Waal used to compare his social findings to human life - is about the proper way to rule. Somehow, de Waal is only convinced that apes are better

at ruling than us. At least chimps are honest all the time. They don't have to hide behind society's norms; they can be true to themselves. Why are the chimpanzees better at life, more advanced with their social system, than we are? Why are apes more apt to rule a society than we are?

Fighting Sioux chop Demons

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

he 2009 Peveto campaign couldn't be more disastrous for the Demon football team.

NSU fell to a winless 0-3 start after losing 27- 20 Saturday to the University of North Dakota Fighting

The Demons' inability to score from the goalline on their opening drive was a bit of foreshadowing for the rest of the game.

The offense tried to punch it in on consecutive run plays from the one yard line, but a stingy defense proved the Demons' effort futile.

"We didn't capitalize on big plays. We got to score points, especially in the redzone, and I didn't do the job," starting junior signal caller Tyler Wolfe said.

The Fighting Sioux were the first to get points on the board after receiving help from the Demons special teams.

A muffed punt after an impressive defensive stand, allowing only five yards, put UND's Brandon Hellavang in position to nail a 50-yarder to go up three points.

On the ensuing Fighting Sioux drive, UND halfback, Mitch Sutton pushed the lead to 9-0, scoring on a 47-yard scamper from the revolutionary wildcat formation.

That cushion was all UND never relinquished it.

The Demons never gave up and pulled the deficit within three early in the third after a three-yard



Photo by Bethany Frank/The Current Sauce

Junior quarterback Tyler Wolfe (8) passing the ball, on his way to 307 yards passing, in the 27-20 loss to the University of North Dakota, Saturday at Turpin Stadium.

It was Wolfe's second strike of the night with his first being a 54needed as it took an early lead and yard bomb to junior wide receiver point deficit. Adrian Reese.

trialed by five late in the fourth, but a shotgun snap flew over the unaware

touchdown pass by Wolfe to Bradley Wolfe's head and caused a safety for rectly," Wolfe said. the Demons, the second of the game, sealing the team's fate and pushing the lead to an unreachable seven

For junior transfer from Lou-Eventually, the Demons only isville, Wolfe, playing hard is not counted for 123 yards of the total

"The team has to execute cor-

Wolfe put up some impressive numbers from under center as he threw for 307 yards with three touchdowns and 0 interceptions.

The Demons' ground game ac-434 put up by the offense.

with 18 carries and 81 yards. Daruis Duffy was Wolfe's favorite target.

He snagged eight passes and 74 yards along with them.

The purple swarm defense was stellar as usual.

Despite the loss, the defense gave up only 269 yards of total offense and gave up only nine first downs compared to UND's defense, which gave up 20.

The Demons' only turnover came via interception by senior safe-

ty Wes Eckles. It was Eckles' third interction in

the last two games. Eckles, in his first 30 games as a Demon had 0 interception, but in his last four games dating back to last

year he has five. "We had a good game plan on both sides of the ball," Eckles said. "We had a lot of big breaks that didn't go our way."

"Our players' effort was outstanding," Head Coach Bradley Peveto said. "The desire to win the game and defend the home field was obvious watching the tape."

"We couldn't ask for better. I talked to a heartbroken football team in the locker room last night because they gave us such a great effort."

Next Saturday, the Demons head to Waco, Tx. as they face the Baylor Bears.

Last year, the Bears defeated the Demons 51-6.

"I am proud of the effort we're getting and I am extremely confident in this football team. We need to William Griffin led the backs clean up our mistakes," Peveto said.

Be Frank: Spirit returns

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

here is something about sitting in the middle of Turpin Stadium that undoubtedly manages to make all my life frustrations melt away. Perhaps there is something behind the saying, "home is where your heart is." Perhaps there is something about Turpin Stadium that brings things to life.

It is no secret that school spirit is muted on campus. But there was something at Saturday's game. There was magic when the Demons stepped out on the field.

The stands were filled and lively. Bodies and faces were painted in Demon pride.

It would be wonderful to blame the newfound spirit on our winning streak, but we all know that couldn't be the case. Regardless, when the Demons ran through the tunnel and emerged in the purple smoke, cheers exploded from the crowd.

I don't know much about football. I do not get the point of false starts. I think they are dumb, and they mess up my photos. I don't grasp the concept of a down or why after four tries we no longer get the ball when we were literally inches from the "touchdown marker." I cannot fathom how it is appropriate for guys to grope each other on the field and shudder at the thought of hugging in public.

But I adore attending sporting events. I like the adrenaline rush when people scream and yell. I like the gorgeous boys running around in tight pants, and we do have some cute football players (even though they have helmets on).

I like the camaraderie that evolves. Suddenly, societal expectations are lifted and people join together for the simplest of causes and

But I had yet to see this type of camaraderie at NSU. It seemed the stands would forever be haunted by the ghost of school spirit past.

Dallas Cowboy fans always impress me. The team hasn't had a stellar season in years, but their fans follow them religiously.

It is easy to adore and support a winning team, but it takes something extra to back up a team that is batting

Demons seem to be confused by the Peveto Promise. The man never said he would bring home victories or records. He never actually said we would win. He simply said it was "a whole new ballgame.'

Demons should be used to losing. We do it a lot. But that is OK.

Hell, when only one person can win, chances are you are going to lose from time to time.

But a scoreboard shouldn't dictate the quality of the game nor the experience. And, Saturday, it didn't.

We lost. We gave up two safeties, one finishing the game. We missed throws by a lot. We were inches from touchdowns and still couldn't pass the line. We attempted a field goal and hit the yellow pole (not going to lie, I was slightly impressed and thought that should be worth at least four points).

But there was fire in the student

The football players flirted and interacted with the crowd. It was beautiful. Vic was back in the stands after what seemed to be a one-year

We could blame this new spirit on the stadium renovations or the "wacky inflatable tube man" who graced us with his presence during an amazing tailgate or so many other

Or maybe, just maybe, there is something there that wasn't there before. Something inside each of us that came alive on Saturday.

For those in the reserves section, your boo's were heard and have not been ignored. But let the students set the example this game. Let the students remind you what school spirit

After all, it is a whole new ballgame and the Demons have come home to play.



Photo by Gary Hardmon

Larand Spann (14) and Megan Manning (3) go up for a block aganist ULL.

Demons finish second

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

his volleyball season has been one to forget thus far for the Lady Demons, losing its first seven games of the season.

State Tournament brought forth a change to the losing, with a victory over the ULL Ragin' Cajuns.

NSU won in straight sets: 25-20, 26-24 and 25-23.

The Lady Demons had its best night of the season in hitting after compiling a .256 percentage.

NSU had 48 kills and also held firm with a season-high 14 blocks.

Yelena Enwere came one block short of a career-high, with a teambest six blocks.

With her 11 kills, she's just one kill shy of the 1,000 career mark to become the fourth player in school history to achieve the feat.

Enwere led the Lady Demons with 11 kills while Brittany Fruge added 10 kills on .364 hitting. Zanny Castillo topped the team with 16

Megan Dockery led with 24 as- action.

sists to go along with eight digs. The winning streak would only remain at one.

The Lady Demons lost to conference foe UCA in the finals of the Northwestern State Tournament.

The Sugar Bears won, but it was However, the Northwestern a close match played by the Lady

Unfortunatly UCA came out victorious in three sets: 25-23, 27-25 and 25-23.

Enwere led the team in kills with 16. In those 16 kills she also passed the coveted 1, 000 kill mark for her career.

Castillo led the Lady Demons with 12 digs while Brittany Fruge

Megan Dockery led the team with 16 assists to go along with sev-

"We're close," said fourth year head coach Brittany Uffelman. "It's all mental. We've got to get that killer instinct."

The Lady Demons now look forward to McNeese State and Stephen F. Austin this coming Friday and Saturday, to open up conference

Demons withstand Golden Hurricanes

Robert Weeks Sauce Reporter

he Northwestern State Lady Demons came away with a 1-0 win Sunday afternoon over Conference USA foe Tulsa, improving their overall record to 7-2 on the

The lone goal of the match came from sophomore Rachel O'Steen and the assist was by junior Caroline

"Rachel is a model player as far as her work ethic and her attitude," Coach Jimmy Mitchell stated after

The goal was O'Steen's first on the season, as she has been known for her assists in previous matches.

Lindy Strahan recorded yet another shutout on the season while the Demon Defense allowed only five shots on goal the entire 90 minutes. Although the shots on goal

count remained minimal, Strahan was always on her toes, able to clear out any potential goal scoring opportunities for the Tulsa Hurricanes.

"She earned her keep today," Mitchell said of his junior goalkeep-

Senior Chelsea Brozgold and true freshman Kali Hellinghausen solidified the back wall of defensive play as senior Lacie Hughes was out

Brozgold was all over the field, making sure to preserve the Demons' one goal lead until the final whistle.

One of the keys to the Demons' success thus far is due to the depth that they have on the bench.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Kali Hallinghausen (16) fights for the ball in the 1-0 victory over the Golden Hurricanes of Tulsa, Sunday at the Demon Soccer Complex

Coach Mitchell was able to substitute seven players onto the pitch Sunday without any loss of opportu-

Melodie Johnson recorded two shots on goal and Maddy Hall recorded three on the day, confirming that goal-scoring opportunities for the Demons are not limited to the

coming weekend as they face New Mexico State Friday and Grambling on Sunday, whom they already beat previously in the season 3-0, in the Lammar Classic.

"After you've beat a team, it's always hard to come back and play them with the energy you need," Mitchell said about Grambling, "We'll be on our girls all week making sure that they don't drop their guard on that one."

The Lady Demons will be back The Demons are on the road this in action at home against conference foe Texas-San Antonio Friday, Oct. 2 and will face Texas State Sunday,

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SGA debates raising academic standards

David Royal News Editor

The Student Government Association's internal affairs committee is currently working on two bills that could potentially raise the minimum grade point average requirement for students to be elected to the Senate and Executive Board.

As they are currently written, SGA President Kayla Wingfield said the two bills would eventually raise the minimum GPA for the Senate to a 2.25 and the minimum for the Executive Board to a 2.75.

Wingfield explained that the goal of the two bills - one in which coincides with the Senate and the other with the Executive Board - is to ensure the SGA is made up of students who are able to balance their schoolwork with extracurricular ac-

"We want to find people who can meet the demands that come along with campus service and academics," Wingfield said.

Wingfield said that the idea to raise the GPA requirements came from the current Recognized Student Organization's standards, which requires all executive boards to have a minimum of a 2.5 GPA.

Since the SGA will be forced to change their standards to comply with the RSO's standards, Wingfield and the Internal Affairs committee decided this would be a good opportunity to make changes across the board.

The current SGA standard is a 2.0 GPA, but if passed, the two bills would raise the standard by .25 ev-



The SGA's current GPA minimum requirement of 2.0 could potenially be raised to a 2.25 for Senate members and a 2.75 for the Executive Board if the bills proposed by the Internal Affairs committee are approved.

by the bills is reached.

For example, if the new policy for the Executive Board takes affect next semester, the new minimum would be a 2.25 GPA, then in the fall semester of 2010 it would raise to a 2.5 GPA and increase again the next semester for the final time to reach its specified standard of a 2.75 GPA.

There are those within the Senate, however, who have made it clear the idea of the two bills.

One main argument is that the

be simply too difficult to maintain and that many student would be deterred from trying to join the organi-

According to Jennifer Videtto, who works in the office of institutional research, NSU students have an average of a 2.586 GPA - this figure does not include incoming freshmen or transfer students.

This means, the new standards that they are either unsure or against would still theoretically be fair to NSU students.

Additionally, another argument ery semester until the GPA specified new minimum requirement would has been made that other student ties that still need to be worked out field said.

government organizations at schools within the University of Louisiana System do not have standards as high as a 2.75 GPA.

Most of the schools, however, do range from a 2.3 to a 2.5 GPA, according to figures researched by SGA Senator Kyle May. SGA Senator Tiffany Thomas

said she is in favor of the idea of the bills and would one day like to see the bills passed, but said she thinks now is not the time.

"There are so many technicali-

with the bill that right now is just not the right time to pursue it," Thomas said.

Thomas suggested that the SGA works out the issues of the bills this semester and wait to vote on them until next semester.

Although there are mixed feelings concerning the bills, Wingfield said she thinks they will still be passed.

"I am confident and believe that [the Senate] will make the right decision for the university," Wingfield said.

The bills were a primary topic at Monday's SGA meeting.

The Senate discussed the pros and cons of the bills for about 45 min-

"It was a very good dialogue," Wingfield said. "Many people played devil's advocate, and both sides were presented."

The Senate ultimately decided, however, to refer the bills back to the Internal Committee in order for the bills to be either revised or more research to be done.

Wingfield explained that the next course of action will probably be for members of the SGA to go to students and ask how they feel about the bills.

Wingfield added that she is fine with the bills not being voted on in Monday's meeting.

"I'd rather the Senate be satisfied with the bills and then vote, instead of having unanswered questions," Wingfield said.

Once more research is obtained, the bills will be put to vote within the next three weeks, Wing-

Property allegedly stolen from Turpin Stadium

David Royal News Editor

he NSU Athletic Department believes two signs were stolen from Turpin Stadium at some time following the university's first home football game, Assistant Athletic Director William Broussard said.

The two signs were part of a \$30,000 renovation project intended to enhance the appearance of Turpin Stadium and over-all experience for Demon football fans. The new decorative signs cost roughly \$7,500, Broussard said.

The Athletic Department purchased six signs total: two that stretch the length of the stadium seating and four that are about 6 feet wide and 3 feet high.

game, the four smaller signs were placed around the stadium and one of the larger signs was placed along the top of the east side of Turpin the sixth sign has not yet been put

Each of the six signs has a school themed statement, such as "NSU Demons." The two signs that were allegedly stolen had "The Inferno" printed on them, which Broussard explained is the new name for the NSU student section.

Broussard said the two signs that are missing were only being held in place by plastic zip-ties, and said it to simply cut the plastic and take the signs.

Additionally, the Athletic Department keeps Turpin open to the public and has many entrances and exits in which potential thieves could use.

Because of this, he said it would be just about impossible to maintain and want us to continue to do so," accountability of who is in the stadium who does not belong.

As of Monday, Detective Doug Prescott with University Police said he did not have any strong leads concerning the case. Prescott added

that if any students have any tips concerning who may have taken the signs then they should contact him or the University Police.

Broussard said he and the rest of the Athletic Department are understanding of the current lack of progress concerning the case.

"Doug Prescott has a difficult task," Broussard said. "He's trying to find a needle in a haystack."

Broussard said he thinks the signs were taken to serve as somebody's exclusive NSU memorabilia, but added that he does not automatically assume that a student or student organization was involved.

"It could be virtually anyone, so I refuse to make the jump that a student must've done it," Broussard

As a result of the signs being Before the Demon's first home missing, the Athletic Department have made some small changes.

The remaining two small signs have been taken down until the next game, and memos have been sent throughout the department advising workers to be more aware of any suspicious people within the area.

Although they are implementing small changes, Broussard explained that the department will not allow the alleged crime majorly affect their future plans and proce-

He said that Turpin will remain open to the public.

"There are many people who would have been easy for someone enjoy having access, and that is something we don't want to deny them," Broussard said.

Additionally, Broussard said the Athletic Department will continue to provide fans with improvements to its facilities.

"I think the vast majority of students appreciate what we have done Broussard said. "We won't let one or two people stop us from giving back to them.'

Broussard said the two signs could possibly be replaced by NSU's homecoming game on Oct. 24.



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A JROTC cadet from Natchitoches Central High School crosses a rope-bridge during one of the events scheduled for the NSU Army ROTC's Demon Challenge on Saturday.

NSU ROTC hosts Demon Challenge

Casey Reynolds Staff Reporter

he NSU Army ROTC hosted its second annual Demon Challenge for high school JROTC cadets on Saturday.

Demon Challenge, which serves as both a recruiting tool for the NSU ROTC program and a team competition for the high school students, was a day-long event.

"It is a test of endurance and strength," said Captain Jaison Koonankeil of the NSU ROTC.

The ROTC hosted five surrounding high schools including Natchitoches Central High School, South Beauregard High School and Leesville High School.

The day consists of half competition and half fun, Koonankeil said.

Brian Lane, a sophomore in the NSU ROTC program, said there are many positive aspects to Demon Challenge, especially for the high school students.

"This day is good for building team cohesiveness and for building the social skills of high school students in JROTC," Lane said.

This year, NSU ROTC focused on making Demon Challenge slightly more demanding of the high school cadets than they were last year, Koonankeil said.

Schools were tested in team-

lenge. The Army uses this maneuver and will announce the overall winner to get across rivers and it entails one on Oct. 10. NSU President Randall soldier swimming across the river to secure the rope and then the rest following by way of the rope.

After being instructed by the NSU cadets on how to safely and ef-JROTC teams actually had the opportunity to construct their own rope bridge. Their performances were timed and critiqued by the NSU

A leadership reaction course and I have always liked coming was another Demon Challenge event. The teams were given a scenario in which the entire team had to cross a simulated minefield. In the scenario if anyone made a mistake and hit a mine they would have to

Additionally, teams participated in a physical fitness test. This included pull-ups, sit-ups and the flexarm-hang, where a person pulls their body up and remains above the bar for as long as possible.

kilometer foot march with a weighted ruck sack.

The final competition that the event since September. schools participated in was an oricompass and their own pace count.

The NSU ROTC has compiled schools participate.

work with a one-rope bridge chal- the scores of the participating teams Webb will present the winning team with a trophy during that weekend's home football game.

The other participating high school cadets will be given free tickfectively perform the maneuver, the ets to the game as well, Koonankeil Jessica Riley, a senior at Lees-

ville High School said she got a lot out of Demon Challenge. "This is a learning experience,

here," Riley said. Riley plans on attending NSU

next fall and major in business. Kelvin Brown II, a senior NSU ROTC cadet, said Demon Challenge is a great confidence booster for JROTC cadets.

This was Brown's second year participating in Demon Challenge. He thinks it gives high school students an opportunity to see what the military is actually like.

"They could be out doing nega-The teams also raced in a five- tive things, but instead they gave up their Saturday for this," Brown said.

The ROTC had been planning Next year, Koonankeil said he

enteering test in which teams were and the rest of the ROTC program given certain locations and then had intends to start planning at the beginto find each mark by using only a ning of the summer 2010. They want the event to grow and have more

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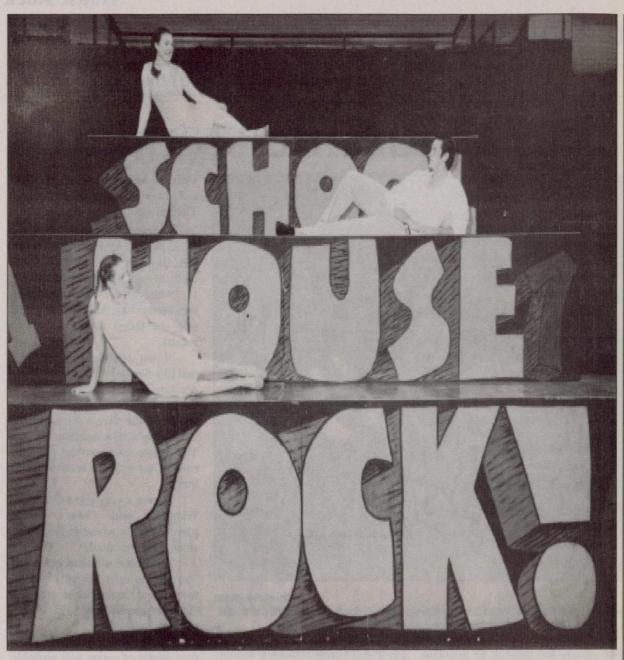


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Three of the nine cast members of "School House Rock" during their performance. Top: Julie Fletcher, Middle: Taylor

Childhood cartoon 'rocks' A.A. Fredericks

Sarah Person Staff Reporter

SU's Theater and Dance department kicked off the semester with their first musical "School House Rock Live."

likes the high energy of the play.

plays you do in college and it's a ferent sides of him." high energy musical," he said.

Pia Wyatt, director of perfor- Mack, who has a jock persona. mance and directing said the theater

program in the community. since last year's play 'Romeo and said reminds her of herself.

Juliet' targeted older students", she With "School House Rock math, science and politics through song and dance, students watching

were able to enjoy and learn impor-

tant educational lessons at the same.

sing and dance on stage while trying to motivate a teacher for his first day

"It is Mr. Morton's first day of school as a teacher," Barnes said. "He is nervous, so before he goes to Babin said. Cast member Corwin Barnes work he flips on the television, and "It's a change of pace from the characters are ideas in his head, dif-fun and energy for us, the perform-

Barnes plays the character of

department likes to do an outreach of energy and just has a lot of fun from 1973 to 1985. on the stage," Barnes said. Theater

Tuttle is glad that students are watching the play.

"Theater is becoming a dying Fredericks Auditorium. Live" teaching grammar, history, art, so it is important that the children get to see the play and get infludents get in free with a current stuenced," Tuttle said.

tic side of Mr. Morton, is played citizens.

In the play, nine cast members by sophomore theater major Austin

"It's the best feeling in the world to know that we could be inspiring thousands of kids who will be watching in awe and excitement,"

"Not to mention," he added, School House Rock is on. These "that the show is just a solid hour of ers, and the audience"

The play is based on the cartoon of the same name, which ran on the "He is a good guy who has a lot ABC network on Saturday mornings

Funds from tickets will reim-"This year, local grade school major Emily Tuttle plays the part of burse supplies such as paint and coschildren were primarily the focus Dori, a fun and silly girl whomTuttle tumes and the set that theater department had to pay upfront.

> The play will run again from Oct 1 and 3 at 7:30 p.m. in A.A.

NSU, BPCC and LSMSA student ID. Admission without a stu-George, the mature and roman- dent ID is \$12, and \$8 for senior

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Outstanding adviser recognized for work

Tori Ladd Life Editor

teve Hicks, director of General Studies and Advising in the University College, awarded the Outstanding Staff Advisory Award, on Aug. 24.

Hicks is the first staff member the university has recognized with the honor.

Being an advisor consists of having knowledge in degree requirements and course rotations, awareness of campus and community resource and knowing whom to call

Students are tools an advisor must use daily.

Hicks said 'that having patience and understanding makes the process easier for students as well as himself.

administrator has to go through to become an adviser. However, conferences and join regional and national associations.

While working at NSU, Hicks has had several titles and job descriptions with each position

'I have worked with several populations of students, including student-athletes, students with disabilities, and undecided/



exploratory students," Hicks said.

Recently, Hicks has been working with older, non-traditional learners who are returning to school after being away for 10 or 15 years.

"Advising has been very There is no process an rewarding for me on several levels,"

Hicks explained that they do have to attend statewide advising is an extension of teaching in the classroom and that good advisers will help their advisees weigh the pros and cons to help them make informed decisions.

He adds that good advisers requiring specific academic advising should not make the decisions, but they should guide, coach and mentor their students.

Many of Hicks' students remain in contact with him after they graduate from NSU.

"E-mail and Facebook has made it easier," Hicks said. "Or we might bump into each other at homecoming. It is neat to watch them grow up and mature over time."

Hicks homecoming has been more fun these last couple years because he has had the opportunity to see several advisees who want to swing by and visit Friday afternoons.

He recalls running into one of his advisees from 1994-1995 who played football for NSU.

The former student is currently 33-years-old and is now a surgeon in New Orleans.

Before coming to NSU, Hicks had one year of experience in advising at Austin Peay State University in Tennessee.

Lisa Abney, acting provost and vice president for Academic and Students Affairs, said in an NSU press release that the university emphasizes academic advising as a "very important part of what we do

"To have such fine faculty and staff members working with our students has a direct impact upon student success," Abney said.

"Steve dedicates many hours to working with students to move them to the completion of their





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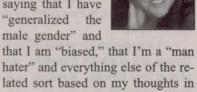
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olks have approached me in the past few weeks saying that I have "generalized the



my previous column: "Be Frank:

Call for Prince Charming."

I first want to begin by thanking all of you who approached me with your opinion. It is always shocking and pleasing to hear people take time out of their busy lives to read "Be Frank." I have taken much time in the past couple weeks to think about your comments and your thoughts.

There are a few things I might need to clarify. First, I like boys—A LOT (or as a friend says, I like men,

I don't pay attention to the conversations girls have with boys because I am not a boy nor am I interested in girls. With that being said, I also need to address that there is a communication barrier between genders that prohibits us from properly communicating.

In no way do I think that one gender is more "at fault" than the other, just simply that there are stereotypes that become the focus of conversation. Being a girl who chooses to talk with boys, I am most

familiar with the male stereotypes. I ask any man to write a column expressing his views on relationships, dating, pick-up lines, com-

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anything thing else that flips your skirt. But please realize that until you sit down and write it out, your voice will always be muffled by the perceived stereotype that currently dominates the male gender. I am

This all resurfaced while discussing with our sports editor the faux-pas and general rules of dating.

To quote my colleague, "Dating is a game. I just want to find a girl who you can walk up to and tell her you like her and she tells you the same. And then go on Facebook and make it official because we all know nothing is official unless it is

Afterward we discussed in the doorway the ridiculous rules of dating and the trials and tribulations evervone must endure.

As discussed last week, I know nothing about sports. I thank the man in the moon for putting wonderful boys (or men) in my life (like our sports editor and other fellows in the athletic department) who will correct me when I call the "false start" a "fake start" so I look less ignorant in

But in football you have these random rules. Granted, they might make more sense when you understand the game, but they are still random rules that dictate how the game

The whole point of the game, as I understand it, is to get as many points as possible via touchdowns, safeties and field goals. But nothing is that simple. You have to do it in downs and if you don't do the downs right than the other team gets the

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munication, the female gender or ball. If you jump the gun in the line up then they blow the whistle. And then there are all the other rules that are still so far above my head.

Dating is the same way. The point of dating is to find someone you want to be intimate with physically, sexually, spiritually, emotionally and any other way that satisfies both parties' ultimate means.

That, in and of itself, is fine. The problems come when between the "hello my name is..." and "let's date," to once more quote my col-

He defined this "time between periods" as a game girls play to test if the guy really likes her. I am not going to say he is wrong, but I am not certain that I can truly agree with him. But at the same time, I am a fairly "frank" person-or I try.

But it is during that time period when you first meet the individual you are interested in and the time you make it "Facebook official" that the communication barrier is most

There are regulations about when you kiss first, who initiates it, when is too soon to call (or now text, Facebook, email or even Tweet) or anything else.

This communication barrier has nothing to do with faults of either gender, but rather with what makes that gender unique.

It is what it is, but it does make dating more complicated if you choose to forever remain ignorant to

Prince Charming does not need to be a man on a white horse, but he should be a man you want to join for

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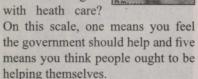
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Be Frank: communication breakdown Half the Battle: Priorities

Joe Cunningham Editor in Chief

n a scale of one to five, how much help do you think the government should give with heath care?



According to the General Social Survey (GSS) slightly more than 29 percent of those surveyed from 1972-2006 feel the government should be helping.

But to what extent?

Right now, the "popular" thing to do is discuss health care and President Barack Obama's plan to "fix" it First of all, though, we need to sift through the propaganda.

There will be no death panels, no matter what you're told. There may be a line somewhere in there that may say something or other about discussing the possibility of stopping all treatment.

will be no 'Dr. Death's coming in to sales. Your track record for fixing pull the plug to give a hospital some things isn't all that good for you, Mr.

Also, illegal immigrants will not automatically be given free health care by the government. That's just absurd. Illegal immigrants might be given false documents that allows them to get some, but that's been a problem for years.

Lastly, the government will not be using public funding for abortions. I don't think this requires more

Now, the biggest problem people have with the plan as it stands is the money. Considering our wonderful economy, I cannot fathom as to why they'd be so worried. But, if you are worried, you may have a

This project will spend a ton of money. Money we don't exactly have right now. More money in the next 10 years than the Iraq and Afghanistan wars combined have cost us already.

And, we're being asked to spend this after we spend a lot more money on the Cash for Clunkers pro-

But there, as far as I have read, gram than we got back from the car

Of course, I have considered that there may be some benefit to this plan... but I just can't find it.

Instead of spending a lot more money than I'll ever hope to pay back my share of, why don't we spend it on things we could really

Just throwing it out there, but education could probably use some

I may just be a bitter NSU student, but seeing the massive budget cuts to education deeply saddens me (especially when I think of this school, where education is suffering, but we can spend money making the campus look pretty and renovating buildings we haven't used in years anyway)

Granted, I could talk about money for education all day, but that's not the point. The point is that we have a lot of other places we can stick money to do some good. I think we really just need to get our priorities straight.

Halos for our silent angels

Paul Randall Adams Guest Columnist

magine standing before a crowd of thousands, all eyes on you. The wind is blowing

through your hair; the spotlight is shining down on you.

The world stands before you, staring at you, loving you. Tears are streaming down your face, and one of the biggest pop stars of all time is on one knee, singing to you. A smile and a sob overtake you, and you break down crying—the best moment of your life has just happened.

For 11-year-old Chelsea James, this is exactly what happened at Beyonce's show in Australia. Chelsea s not an average 11 year old. She has a rare form of cancer and is undergoing chemotherapy.

Beyonce pulled her onstage, bent down, hugging her and began to sing her hit "Halo" to her. Not at her, not with her on stage, but to her.

The whole world, for just a moment, stopped for Chelsea James. Every one of Beyonce's fans that night witnessed one of the most written by Ellen Burroughs. It detouching moments that has ever happened onstage. Hundreds of people shed tears over it.

For a moment, the pop diva had transcended beyond her role as a performer and had revealed herself as a human being. For a moment, Beyonce allowed the world to see her bleeding heart and she sang proudly, "Chelsea, I can see your halo. I pray it won't fade away."

This is the news that never makes headlines. This is the story that goes untold on the local news. This is the story that you and I only hear after it has been tweeted by Ellen DeGeneres.

This is the news that we only learn through the grapevine that is the information highway—social

amazing things that happen daily around us. It is hard to see that wonderful happen about us all day long.

It's easy to focus on the terrible things that happen daily. It's easier for people to remember the terrible things that have happened to them than to remember the wonderful

"The Poet's Life" is a poem they're there, helping, loving.

scribes a poet whose work was never heard, except for by a pair of lovers, whenever it reflected good emotions. Whenever his poetry turned dark, angry, however, the world was attracted to it. The world enjoyed his despair.

There are too many beautiful things in this world to latch on to despair. Whenever a mega-star sings songs to cancer patients out of the goodness of her heart, it should be

Whenever high schoolers vote a girl with severe Down syndrome as their homecoming queen, it should be recognized. Whenever a teenager sacrifices his time to help a blind person learn to work with horses, it should be noted.

There are good people every-It is hard to realize all of the where, daily. Soup kitchens are filled with them, churches are thankful for them. Bake sales are manned with them. The leaders of Facebook groups concerned about Darfur, child abuse and the death of police in the line of duty are all good, concerned people.

> It may just make bad days a little more bearable knowing that

A bolder banner bandit

Guest Columnist

id you see the student section in Turpin Stadium for the Demon Football home opener two Saturdays ago?



Were you a part of the student core rocking "The Inferno?" Seeing the student section packed and watching all the screaming Demon fans engage with the players on the sideline was a sight to be seen, and it was one that will be vivid in my memory for some time to come. That night marked what was possibly the most energetic and spirited student section I have seen since I came to NSU in 2003.

It doesn't stop at football, either. Both Lady Demon Soccer and Lady Demon Volleyball have experienced great support from the student body this season, and I believe that's a sign of more good times to come during this athletic calendar year.

Beyond the number of students pouring in the gates at our athletic venues, how about the facelifts our facilities have received? The NSU Soccer Complex and Prather Coliseum have never looked better thanks to new scoreboards, a press box project, new signage and banners and many other facility enhancement endeavors.

Spectacular new turf, a fresh

jumbo replay screen ... it seems as if makes Turpin Stadium look as magnificent as it does these days.

Oh, I know, an incredible set of banners on the East Side of the stadium. How could I forget that? Maybe it's because if you drive by right now, you wouldn't see most of the banners that were installed. Why

While some grumbling over the student section being coined "The Inferno" has surfaced, it apparently isn't such an awful name to keep some unknown selfish individuals from thinking the banners would look better in a living room than in the middle of YOUR student section. That's right; the two "The Inferno" banners were stolen from their place in Turpin Stadium only days after the Demons' home opener on Sept.

The fact that a few bad apples ruin the whole bushel is inevitable, and it rings true in this situation. I am sure that 99.9 percent of the people in Turpin Stadium at the first home game looked at those banners and thought they were a great addition. Unfortunately, some fools were selfish and stole from YOU, as part of the NSU student body. These banners were funded as part of the Stadium Enhancement Project approved by the SGA, using student

With no evidence as to who may be the culprit, the only thing that is

missing. For those who are prideful I'm leaving out some aspect of what of THEIR student section and our athletic facilities, I challenge you to help retrieve the banners and give Turpin Stadium another night to remember on Oct 10 when the Demons open Southland Conference play against perennial SLC power Central Arkansas on Military Appreciation Night.

If you have any information on this topic, please feel free to pass it along confidentially. Information can be emailed to NSUathletics@ yahoo.com.

The number one goal of the Athletic Department now is to have the banners back in place for Oct. 10. The department has made great strides in creating new offerings to the student body through the Demon Rewards program, adding promotions and giveaways at events, branding student sections and offering student buses to athletic events on the road. That trend will continue, but the responsibility of making these ventures worthwhile rests on those consuming the benefits.

grams relies on the support from the NSU student body, faculty and staff and the Natchitoches community. The response has been tremendous thus far, and everyone who has been a part of it is greatly appreciated. It's YOUR enthusiasm that allows NSU's endeavors to succeed! We'll see you at the game...FORK 'EM **DEMONS!!**

The success of our athletic pro-

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We saved THIS space for YOU.

Robert Caldwell Letter to the Editor

urtis Desselles' "The Great American Club" in your Sept. 23 edition comes to some reasonable conclusions: immigrants in the United States without documents should seek citizenship and those of us that were born or naturalized Americans should renew our commitment by participating in our democracy.

But Mr. Desselles arrives at these conclusions on the back of immigrants. Undocumented people do- and always have- paid their fair

They pay a higher tax burden than citizens or those with a green card. In addition to sales tax, which everyone pays, payroll withholding is taken out, but the undocumented workers are not allowed to get a tax refund from the IRS.

They pay into Medicare and Social Security, but will never enjoy the benefits. In fact, undocumented people are ineligible for the vast ma-

jority of state and federal benefits. Unless you are a Native American, your family came as willing or unwilling immigrants to the United

If your family came willingly, they most likely stepped off a boat at a major port.

citizenship was Attaining straightforward, but some chose not to become citizens, attested by the number of French Nationals in La. that chose to retain their French Citizenship, at least until the Civil War. Restrictions on immigration were racialized from the beginning; until the Chinese Exclusion Act of 1892 there were no restrictions at all upon immigration.

Since then, almost every restriction in immigration has racial and

Current laws make citizenship all but impossible to many undocumented immigrants in the United States today.

Those demonized the most-Mexicans- are descendants of the tribes that lived on this continent before Europeans arrived.

The immigration system in the United States is broken. The only way to fix it is to pave a road for citizenship, thus opening the books for membership in a "Great American Club" once again.

I thank Mr. Desselles for the opportunity of this dialogue.

Rough patch continues

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

he end of non-conference action is a welcomed sight for the NSU football team.

The Demons through the first four games of its season have done something no other team has done since 1974, and that's to start the season 0-4. The latest loss came to the hands of the Big XII's Baylor Bears, by the final score of 68-13. With this game the Bears have defeated the Demons by a score of 122-20.

The Demons looked good in the first quarter of the game. The defense stepped up and held the Bear's offense to a turnover on downs, thanks in part to a Gary Riggs tackle on fourth and two.

Then the offense drove right down the field, on a scoring drive that covered 75 yards on 15 plays and ate 7:11 off of the clock.

The drive ended with a William Griffen one-yard touchdown run. After that Baylor showed why they play in the Big XII. The Bears scored on its next four drives.

Two were scored through the air via a 76 and 38 yard touchdown

pass, and the other two were scored on the ground thanks to a 78 and one-yard touchdown run.

"That's a team with a lot of quality athletes, and they'll wind up the season playing in a nice bowl game," Head Coach Bradley Dale Peveto said. "I thought we were going to make a game of it there in the first quarter, but their quarterback and their speed was just too much."

In the first half, the Demons would go on to add a 40-yard field goal from freshmen John Shaughnessy. Baylor, however, was just too much for the Demons in the first half, putting up a mark of 41-10.

This is the most points the Bears have scored in the first half since they put up 49 on San Jose State in 1994. William Griffen led the way on the ground for the Demons. He had 19 carries for 74 yards and the game's first score.

John Hundley was second on the team in rushing with 42 yards on only four rushes. Tyler Wolfe's second game was not as memorable as his first. He completed 13 passes on 21 attempts for only 89 yards. He also threw two interceptions.

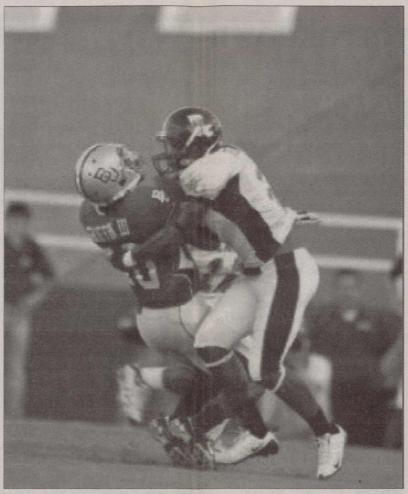


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Saftey Gary Riggs sacks the Baylor quarterback on a fourth and two play. The Demons would go on to lose the game 68-13.

Demons receivers with 41 yards on four catches. Kicker John Shaughnessy had a good game on the special teams end of the field, he was two for two on field goals, one from Darius Duffy led the way for all 40 yards and the other from 25.

The Demons now look forward to a bye week as they prepare to begin conference on Oct. 10. They will play host to the University of Central Arkansas, to kick of Southland Conference action.

Lady Demons win NSU Invitational

Courtesy of Sports Info:

orthwestern State freshman Karensa Ellis posted her first collegiate victory Monday afternoon.

Leading five Lady Demons in the top seven as the host team won the women's division of the NSU Invitational cross country meet at Demon Hills Golf Course.

Ellis ran a 20:42.36 time over the hilly 5k course, outpacing fellow NSU freshman Allison Fontenot, second in 21:12.44.

NSU's scoring was completed by sophomore Lawana Perkins (fourth, 21:55.12), walk-on freshman Sarah Emory (fifth, 21:55.42) and freshman Kirstie Jones (seventh, 22:37.40).

The Lady Demons posted 19 points to top Centenary (46), Louisiana Tech (84), East Texas Baptist (102) and Louisiana College.

The Lady Demons head away off the start line and take control

In the men's race, Louisiana Tech also had five of the fastest seven times as Jack Ramstad set the pace over 8k with a 28:34.75 clock-

NSU freshman Josh Crandell ran fourth in 29:23.90, joined in the top 10 by two more Demons.

Junior Cameron Mehl (ninth, 31:11.43) and walk-on freshman Chris Lanier (10th, 31:18.12).

Louisiana Tech won with 18, followed by Northwestern (53), Centenary (65), Louisiana College (106) and ETBU (108).

"Obviously I was really proud of our girls for winning, and running hard," NSU cross country coach Haley Blount said.

"They knew the course like the back of their hands, since we run it once a week.

"Their goal was to sweep, and we didn't do that, but we came pretty darned close.

"I was especially proud of Sarah Emory, my walk-on freshman, who almost beat Lawana. Karensa, as always, runs well. "

It's kind of hard when you're out there by yourself to push hard, which was the case with Karensa, Alli, and Lawana and Sarah.

"I was really proud of how hard they ran, the times they ran and how well they finished."

Two more Lady Demon runners, junior Andrea Warren (eighth, 22:59.54) and sophomore Courtney Hershberger (12th, 23:56.84), did

Completing the scoring for the NSU men were sophomore Breshon Williams, 12th in 33:52.53, and freshman Matt Lanier, 18th in 36:53.17. Freshman Kyle Lessig did

"I didn't have three of my top five today, but we still managed to pull out a second-place finish so I couldn't be any happier with the guys who ran they way they did,"

"Josh has been hurt and sick, out all week, so for him to get a top five finish was great.

"Kyle was in first place all the way through three miles until he got stepped on and had to drop out of the

"Again, my walk-ons really impressed me. Chris Lanier really impressed me today.

"Cameron still has to push himself a little harder - he ran well, but he's better than that.

"All in all, I'm proud of how my team did and thought we had a really great showing in a home race."

Lady Demons sliding down slippery slope

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

ll goes wrong for Lady Demons Volleyball team.

The Lady Demon Volleyball team went winless this weekend and continued to spiral downward, as they rack up numbers in the loss col-

The team moved to 1-10 on the season after three consecutive losses to SLC schools.

NSU's second loss to a conference foe came at the hands of Mc-Neese State Cowgirls.

Demons in four sets: 25-16, 13-25 14-25 and 15-25.

NSU easily won the first set, scoring nine consecutive points to

put the Lady Demons up 17-10 An attacking error by McNeese and a kill by Laranda Span closed out the set in favor of NSU.

The next three sets were a complete U-turn for the Lady Demons. Attacking errors got the best of

the team, committing 15 errors in the

second and third set.

In the fourth set, the Lady Demons fought hard and jumped to an early lead thanks to three errors by the Cowgirls and kills by Nicole Hajka, Megan Manning and Spann.

McNeese would eventually pull ahead and win the match due to 13 attacking errors by the Lady De-

Yelena Enwere led the Lady Dekills. NSU committed 32 attackcentage of .000.

The Cowgirls hit .157 and com-The Cowgirls defeated the Lady mitted just 24 errors and had 43 kills.

> their road trip to Lumberjack coun- seems to be shifting from the West try as they faced Stephen F. Austin to the East," fourth year head coach Saturday.

> fashion adding another loss to NSU's dously talented teams in the West, record. The Lady Lumberjack de- but I think the East is starting to feated the Lady Demons in straight catch up with them." sets: 20-25, 14-25 and 19-25.

Enwere led the team again,

earning a hitting percentage of .226 to go along with 12 kills.

The Lady Demons committed 33 total errors including 20 attacking errors and nine service errors.

SFA had two players with double digit kills to go along with the team's hitting percentage of .278. Kelsey Owens and Ashley Bailey

The last three losses for the mons with 10 of the team's total 32 team were the most valuable so far. Not only were UCA, MSU and SFA ing errors and netted a hitting per- conference foes, they were all divi-

"With UCA, McNeese and Stephen F. Austin all in our division The Lady Demons continued (SLC East), the power of the league Brittany Uffleman said. "Don't get The match ended in the same me wrong, there are some tremen-

The Lady Demons look to As a team, the Lady Demons change things around this Thursday managed a hitting percentage of .112 as they face Southeastern University in Prather Coliseum.



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2008 campus crime rate reportedly dropped

Sarah Person Staff Reporter

The University Police's Annual Security Report has been released for all its campuses, which include Natchitoches, Shreveport, Fort Polk/ Leesville and England Air Park Campus.

University Police is required by the Clery (Campus Security) Act to publish a report every year that shows each year's crime statistics.

The reported crime rate for 2008 was relatively low with only one aggravated assault, 11 burglaries on campus and five in the resi-

There were 32 reported arrests for 2008, including the residence halls.

According to the 2008-2009 NSU Student Handbook, the campus crime rate has been dropping since 2003 - the last year provided.

Between 2007 and 2008, the number of burglaries dropped by 26 and the number of aggravated assaults and drug offenses dropped by

Additionally, there were no reported homicides, rapes, suicides, arsons or vehicle thefts - there were two rapes reported in 2007.

There was a slight increase in weapon and liquor law violations, the report stated.

Detective Doug Prescott said accountability is most important on knowing who is on campus.

Although there was a significant drop in thefts and burglaries last year, Prescott said there seems to be an increase in these activities this year.

"This semester the crime has picked up a little bit and that is because of thefts, but almost in every case, involving these thefts, it is a case where doors have been unlocked," Prescott said.

"People have come and visited, and when they leave, they leave with

Prescott said he believes more precautions could be made.

Hawthorne said the campus is safe for the most part, but there are areas that could use improvement.

"There are some security things that lack a little to be desired, like getting into the Columns Apartments for instance," Hawthorne said.

umns don't close and that is where we have had on-campus shootings in

Another student, Abbie Smith, said she did not feel safe when she lived on campus.

just talking," Smith said.

"We're unique here at Northwestern in that all our entrances are on the north side of the campus," Prescott said.

"With no entrances or exits on the south side, we're able to control who comes in and who comes out a lot better than other universities, simply because the way our campus

Prescott also believes the security stickers on the cars allow more accountability on campus, allowing officers to know who is supposed to be on campus.

people's stuff."

"We're not doing a real good

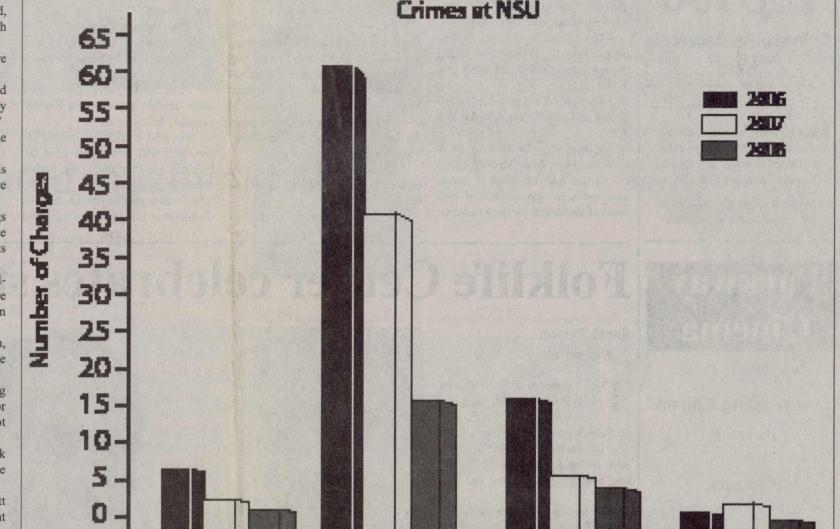
job as far as a university community about who goes in our apartments." NSU student Rance Hawthorne

"The 'security' gates at the Col-

"I rarely see officers patrolling at night, there are normally two or three of them sitting in a parking lot

"I do not think the gates work because someone could park at the library and walk from there."

On the other hand, Prescott prides the school in being different when it comes to security measures.



"The stickers add more account- the stickers. ability," Prescott said. "People know that if you are going to be found out shouldn't let people on campus after to do something illegal or inappropriate."

Batteries

"As far as safety measures, they who you are then you're less likely hours unless they have an on-campus Smith said she is not in favor of see stickers and let anyone through." will turn around," Prescott said.

Burgleries

Prescott said, however, this is

Crimes

Drug offenses

"I have seen people drive up at night to the gate, see the arm down, parking permit if they were trying to see a police officer standing there Report can be picked up at Univerbe safe," Smith said. "The police just and will stop in the parking lot and sity Police or accessed online on the

"You've got to wonder why they are leaving if they are here for a legitimate purpose."

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A copy of the Annual Security



Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce

A deputy with the Natchitoches Parish Sherriff's Department attempts to manuever quickly and successfully through a simulated road course in the parking lot of Prather Colliseum on Tuesday. The course was part of the NPSD's Tactical Police Driving school. Deputy Ronnie Ross with the NPSD instructs the school and explained that the course the deputies participated in yesterday required them to drive through the marked path while avoiding hitting the cones. Although the drivers did not hit speeds over 40 miles per hour, the participants still sped through the parking lot while making 90 degree turns and both tight and sweeping 180 degree turns, Ross said. Ross said the primary purpose of this particular course is to create muscle memory associated with making tight turns at high speeds, which will help the deputies relax during a stressful vehicle pursuit. All deputies with NPSD must participate in and become certified in the Tactical Police Driving school. The deputies will also participate in a receptionreaction course and a controlled response course in order to become certified. These courses will be carried out through October and Novermber. This is the first time the NPSD used the NSU campus for their school.

Property stolen from NSU Athletics: Department's second recent report of crime

David Royal News Editor

etective Doug Prescott and the University Police are investigating the second alleged theft of NSU Athletic Department property in weeks.

Two televisions and two video cameras came up missing from the NSU field house last Monday and Assistant Athletic Director William Broussard said it is his belief that the only logical possibility is that they were stolen.

"It is highly unlikely that items like that just simply came up missing," Broussard said.

on the total price, Broussard said the be found. stolen equipment was not cheap.

"It's frustrating," Broussard

Broussard explained the cameras were highly specialized and the televisions were large flat-screens.

"Whoever did this knew what they were doing," Broussard said.

This is the second alleged theft

associated with the Athletic Department this semester, but both Broussard and Prescott are not sure if the two instances are related.

The first alleged theft occurred shortly after the first Demon football home game on Sept. 19.

Two decorative banners stating the name of the student section, "The Inferno," were taken from Turpin Stadium within a two-day span.

Prescott said he has had limited success with the first case involving the banners, but said he is looking into some possible leads concerning the missing cameras and televisions.

Broussard said, however, he believes there is little that can be done in cases such as these and said he Although he is not exactly sure does not expect for the equipment to

He said as a result of the second instance of thievery, officials and coaches within the Athletic Department are beginning to realize the importance of being more careful about securing entrances behind them and starting to abandon their careless ac-

"It's made us a little hyper-vigi- ones," Broussard said.

lant," Broussard said.

Just like with the instance with the stolen banners, Broussard said the main problem is that there is too great of an area to keep secure.

"Too many people already have access to the building and too many people can get access," Broussard said. "It makes it impossible to completely secure the facility."

The cameras that were stolen were used to film football practices, and Broussard said the Athletic Department is now forced to use older cameras and borrow cameras.

The televisions were in a lounge in the field house and used for recreational purposes.

Unlike the banners, the Athletic Department will not have to pay to replace the equipment because it will be covered by an insurance claim.

At this time, Broussard said the Athletic Department has decided to not pay to replace the stolen banners.

"Because of the budget cuts the university is currently experiencing, the Athletic Department cannot afford to pay out-of-pocket to get new

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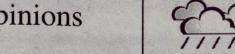
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SGA rejects higher GPA requirements

David Roval

News Editor

he Student Government Association overturned two bills that would have raised the minimum grade point average requirement for students to be elected for the Senate and Executive Board.

The first bill applied to the Executive Board and would have raised the minimum GPA requirement to a 2.75 over time.

The second bill pertained to the Senate and would have raised it to a

In its meeting on Monday, SGA Vice President Matt Morrison said the Senate had 12 votes in favor, nine votes in opposition and two votes of abstention for the Executive

There were only two votes in favor of the Senate GPA bill, Morrison

Morrison said that he and SGA President Kayla Wingfield expected the bills would pass.

"It was a surprise to both of us," Morrison said.

Morrison said he is partially the bill, but added that part of him is happy that the Senate researched the issue and made an educated deci-

"I think the voice and opinion of failed," Shelton said. the Senate matters more than mine," Morrison said.

ed true to the student body then I'm should try to pass them.

lieves the Senate's votes were "gen- up for vote again, then the changes

Morrison said one of the arguments presented at the meeting in opposition of the Senate GPA bill was that the members in the Senate are not paid, and therefore should not be given such extreme minimum requirements.

Paul Shelton, chief justice of the disappointed because he supported NSU Supreme Court, said he disagrees with this argument presented by some of the senators.

> "I'm pretty sure there were some invalid reasons that the bill

He said he fully supported the two bills and thinks that once the "Personally, as long as they vot- bills are eligible again, the Senate

Shelton said he thinks the bills He said that fortunately he be- do not require any changes and if put

should take place within the Senate before voting again.

Wingfield explained that regardless of the first bill that failed, the Senate will have to at least raise the minimum GPA requirement for the Executive Board to a 2.5 to meet the Recognized Student Organization's requirements.

Morrison said the Executive Board will be working out the details in the up coming weeks to determine by which method the SGA will make

Until then, Morrison said the SGA will be moving forward with other issues.

He explained that the SGA plans to poll students to gauge what they feel the organization should spend its money on.

Additionally, the Senate passed a bill Monday night that will suggest to the NSU administration to consider reopening Watson Library to students on Saturdays.

Morrison said the bill is just the first step and if NSU officials do not take the request seriously, then the SGA has backup plans.

"We aren't going to stop until the students have an adequate place to study," Morrison said.

The SGA also welcomed eight new senators in their meeting and will gain two more at next week's

Morrison said the addition of the 10 new senators will ensure that the SGA maintains quorum during the meetings, which has been a problem for the organization on at least one occasion this semester.

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"Stepfather"

Rated PG-13 6:45 p.m. 9:15 p.m.

"Zombieland"

Rated R 7:00 p.m. 9:30 p.m.

Folklife Center celebrates state's rich history

Sarah Person Staff Reporter

he Louisiana Folklife Center at NSU hosted the inaugural Louisiana Studies Conference on Saturday Sept. 27.

The theme of this year's conference theme focused on the history and heritage of the Cane and Red

Presenters were scholars from around the state as well as graduate students.

The conference hosted a full day of speakers.

Cecile Elkins Carter, the keynote speaker, presented her paper "This land was Made for You and

Elkins has over 35 years of scholarly research on Caddo Indians, and she is a member of the Caddo Indian Nation of Oklahoma.

Lisa Abney, acting provost and vice president for Academic and Student Affairs, served as co-chair with Shane Rasmussen, director of NSU's Folklife Center.

"This is a great opportunity for faculty, staff, students and the community to interact and learn from one another," Abney said.

"We are fortunate to have our conference underwritten by a Cane River National Heritage Area grant." Sessions discussed different

topics that involved Louisiana's her-

John Sutherlin, professor of political science at the University of Louisiana at Monroe, presented his paper "Louisiana's Alternative Energy Policy: How the 'Bayou' State could become the 'Biomass'State."

Sutherlin said that his paper burning wood, one can harness the enjoyed how this first conference brought scholars from all around the Louisiana Director Glenn Pitre.

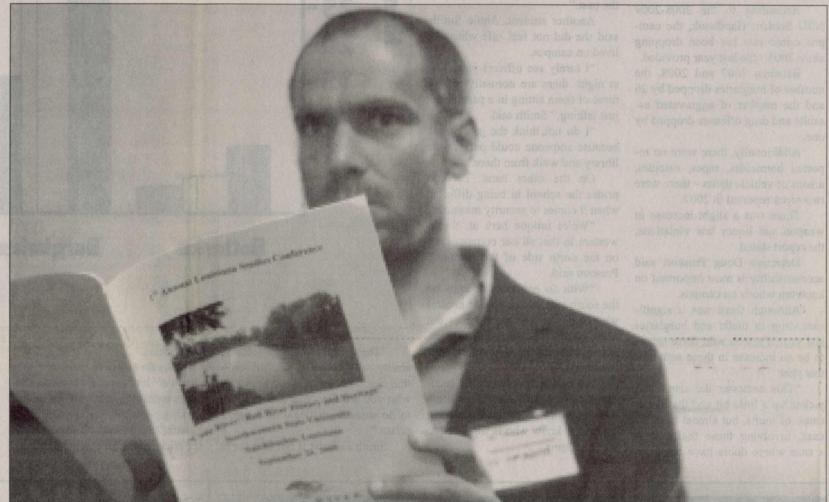


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Thomas Aiello, a professor from the University of Louisiana Lafayette, was one of many educators to speak at the Louisiana Studies Conference.

Louisiana.

"Northwest Louisiana is ideally located and NSU is poised to be ence and how there were many difa leader in this industry," Sutherlin ferent presentations.

deals with the idea of having a com- electricity from it and that with this was primarily focusing on Louisiana state so this is something the NSU mission on alternative energy in alternative energy plan could be a studies." fantastic boost in the economy.

Sutherlin enjoyed the confer-

"The audiences were diverse Sutherlin said that instead of as the speakers," Sutherlin said, "I very well done," Anderson said, "It

David Anderson, associate professor of history at Louisiana since the hardest thing is the begin-Tech University, commends NSU's ning, but the Folklife Center already Folklife Center on the conference.

"For a first time thing this was

Folklife Center should be proud of."

"They were very ambitious has something lined up for next year," Anderson said.

Next year's conference will host

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Participants walking in displaying their costumes at the 16th Annual Creole Heritage Celebration.

Mardi Gras celebrated locally

Shelita Dalton Staff Reporter

T ew Orleans isn't the only place with a rich Mardi Gras tradition and Creole culture.

The NSU Louisiana Creole Heritage Centers sponsored the 16th Annual Creole Heritage Celebration at the Natchitoches Events Center on October 9th.

The residents of Grand Marais in Iberia Parish displayed their festive costumes as part of the event.

According to the NSU press release, the community members of Grand Marais created the costumes.

This was only the second time they [costumes] have been seen outside of their area.

Student volunteer senior social work major Tequila Johnson said she admire the people who wore the costumes because they looked heavy.

There were several different types of costumes show cased at the event including a patriotic red,

white, and blue along with the customary Mardi Gras purple, green and gold.

The Wu-Tang Krewe, Wu-Tang She Rebels, Unknown Krewe, Unknown Divas, Ricky's Costumes, Can You Hemi Na, The Bedon Group and the Originals were the 16th Annual Creole Heritage Celebration.

The celebration also included food, dancing and prize giveaways. DJ Tony Groove provided the attendees with selections of Zydeco music as well as oldies music. Guests were also given a chance to win prizes a \$200 cash prize through a drawing.

The event gave the Creole people an opportunity to celebrate their heritage. During the welcome address Community Liaison Tracey Colson made a challenge to the

"What I am asking is for everyone to continue to support us and to get others interested," she said. "It's time for a Creole renaissance; we are unique, we are special, we are differ-

Other activities held as a part of the festivities included a forum that took place at St. Anthony Church on Second Street.

The main purpose of the forum was to stress the significance of documenting and preserving the endangered Creole Lan-

There was also the St. Augustine Church Fair and the Natchitoches Annual Tour of Homes.

The public also had an opportunity to obtain genealogy information about their culture. Residents from Cloutierville

to Lafayette came to take part in the 16th Annual Creole Heritage Even those, like Johnson, who didn't have a direct connection

with the celebration found it enter-"It was an enlightening and exciting event; I enjoyed it," John-



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People at the food table that included Mardi Gras masks and decorations at the celebration





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Kappa Alpha fraternity in spirit of moving

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

The thought of moving once is enough for most people; a single house generally takes days to pack and unpack.

This isn't usually an activity that someone eagerly anticipates doing, but instead of participating in typical recreational weekend activities, many Kappa Alpha Order members and members awaiting initiation opted instead to help out someone in desperate need of moving.

Unfortunately for the KA members, Mark Melder, professor of sociology, needed to move three houses, each fully furnished.

It was a boiling weekend, "hot as hell," as freshman criminal justice major, Daniel McDonnell described.

It was tedious, tiresome and hot, but they persisted in packing and moving three houses in a single Sat-

Members who volunteered committed their weekend to moving box after box from one house to the next. Some left for work and came

One of the participating members had a friend that came to town to visit and get a taste of Natchitoches. Instead they got stuck mov-

It wasn't all work, Melder re-

"Some nice little old lady brought sandwiches," Melder said. Others came by to bring the people working goodies, as well.

It all started when Melder's mother expressed her to move into a

As a result, a complicated system was worked out where Melder would move into his brother's house while his parents took over his old house, and his brother would move into their parent's old house, which was, as Melder noted, the largest of

Luckily, the houses were all within five miles of each other.

"I don't think everyone knew what they had gotten into," Melder

Melder's house was packed and damn nightmare."

back later in the evening to continue loaded within a few hours on Friday afternoon. As everyone rushed to pack the house, a refrigerator, still full of food, and four racks still loaded with possessions were carefully loaded onto trucks and U-hauls.

Melder explained that he wanted to see how much he could get away with in regards to packing without removing items from shelves. In the end, he said, he couldn't

Things went relatively smoothly for a 12-hour move, until they started unpacking for his mother, who stood in the door cringing as her things were being carefully un-

Melder explained that a girl that happened to be there was sent to distract her so they could unload her piano peacefully.

"They really did a good job,"

This wasn't the first time that KA members have lent a hand in helping someone move.

Some words of advice? "Don't ever move three houses at once," Melder said. "It was a

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Speaker fights for schools' safety

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

he Northwestern State University School Counseling and Student Personnel Services program is hosting a forum about ways to increase security in schools.

"Making Schools Safer" was be held on Monday, Oct. 12 in the Friedman Student Union Ballroom.

The forum was provided courtesy of grand funds from a cyberbullying research grant that Perkins was awarded through the University of Louisiana System and Learn and Serve America.

Michael Dorn, executive director of Safe Havens International, discussed ways to improve school safety, security, emergency preparedness and school climate.

Topics such as bullying and cyberbullying, assessment-based approaches of school safety, practical school access control, improving student supervision and visitor management were covered during the fo-

Dorn explained that policy is prevention, not intervention.

"Once you have to intervene, you've already lost."

Schools should be assessed for danger with scientific processes of assessment, not guessing games, he continued.

Only armed police officers should ever search a student for

for this role.

Instead, he teaches them proper ways to supervise students.

He claims that supervision of students is the number one preventa-

are traumatic and dangerous, but not the worst thing that could happen,

He warned to not take the media at face value and to use research.

"If you don't feel safe, you can't learn." Dorn explained that School should be a place of justice.

Students should know there are consequences to their actions, and that they are appropriate.

"Above all, teacher and student need to feel dignity, honor, and respect when walking into a school because you're at your best when you feel loved and safe," Dorn said.

During the presentation, he touched on crisis planning for fire drills, bad weather, and other types

He used a slideshow to demondone improperly.

He said it was important to make sure the plan was doable, practical and that teachers know enough to put plan in motion.

"As an education major, I was shocked at what can be a danger to national and international media or-

Christa McAlpin, senior English

weapons. Teachers are not qualified education major, said. "I was also uplifted by the fact that it is so easy to make these adjustments to create a better learning environment."

"We will have representatives from each school in Natchitoches Parish, but we are hoping educators Guns being brought to school in the surrounding parishes will be able to attend as well," Gerra Perkins, an organizer of the event, said before the seminar.

> "We expect to have members of the community, law enforcement, parents, college students, teachers, school counselors, and administrators in attendance.'

Dorn has worked in Central America, Mexico, Canada, Europe, Asia, South Africa and the Middle East. He has published 25 books on school safety.

During his 25-year public safety career, he served as a campus police officer, school district police chief, school safety specialist for Georgia and the lead program manager of the Terrorism Division of the Georgia Office of Homeland Security.

As a graduate of the FBI Nastrate an evacuation that had been tional Academy, Dorn received extensive antiterrorism training.

> Dorn has been featured in numerous school safety training videos that have been used around the

He is regularly interviewed by ganizations, including NPR, 20/20, CNN and major networks.

NSU continues effort to go green

Mary Jordan Staff Reporter

SU opens doors for other colleges and universities by becoming the first designated Tree Campus USA University in Louisiana by the Arbor Day Foundation.

Tree Campus USA is a national program that was launched in 2008 by the Arbor Day Foundation, which is the world's largest and oldest treeplanting organization.

Each year the foundations million members plant millions of trees.

The foundation honors colleges and universities and the leaders of the campus and surrounding communities for promoting healthy urban forest management and engaging the campus in environmental stewardship.

Leaders at NSU who have made this possible for the campus include: Chris Sampite, director of grounds and custodial services and coordinator of emergency preparedness; Steven Gruesbeck, director of service learning and coordinator of NSU's Green Initiative; and Marcus Jones, vice president for University Affairs.

They head up a group of individuals from the campus community and local community who are working to identify and recommend campus enhancements and beautification

"This is great for Northwestern," Steven Gruesbeck said. "It's one more way we are committing ourselves to improve the environ-

ication to campus forestry management and environmental steward-

begun a Green initiative. This inilearning and community programs.

In order to become a designated Tree Campus USA University, NSU had to meet the five standards of tree care and community engagement reguired by the Arbor Day Foundation.

The requirements included establishing a campus tree advisory committee; evidence of a campus tree-care plan; verification of dedicated annual expenditures on the campus tree-care plan; involvement in an Arbor Day observance; and the institution of a service-learning project aimed at engaging the student

NSU met all five of these requirements, and in fall of this year, NSU started its green initiative.

There are 11 areas addressed in this initiative, but the main focus is on behavioral change, recycling, campus beautification, infrastructure and energy conservation. NSU's recycling program kicked off on Aug. 1 with the faculty and staff, and as brought on board.

Gruesbeck, at the time NSU re- mail at sampitec@nsula.edu.

ceived the award a week later the NSU was chosen as a 2009 Tree school received a generous donation Campus USA University for its ded- from local tree owners John and Sidney Evans.

They donated more than 200 trees, 250 shrubs, and 300 ground As most of you may have no- cover plants. Of the trees donated ticed, during the past year NSU has by the Evans, 125 were live oaks, 6 were red maple, and 85 were bald tiative includes a recycling program, cypress. "This was an enormous, campus beautification, and service unexpected gift," Sampite said. "It couldn't have happened at a better

It really could not have happened at a better time because it just so happens that fall is the best time to plant trees. Now the goal is to have planting days with the help of faculty and student volunteers. A planting day would also help NSU fulfill its obligation to the Arbor Day Foundation to planting trees annu-

Keep Natchitoches Beautiful Day was also put into place last spring and brought in more than 70 faculty and student volunteers to help clean the trash from the streets. It was such a success last year that NSU will participate in this again on April 24, 2010. This will be the first event of Natchitoches' green week of service starting April 24, and will last until National Arbor Day on April 30, 2010.

Students or faculty who may be interested in volunteering on school started the students were tree planting days or during Keep Natchitoches Beautiful can contact According to Sampite and Chris Sampite at 357-5144 or via e-





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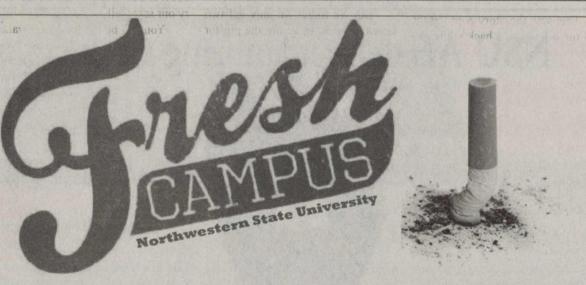
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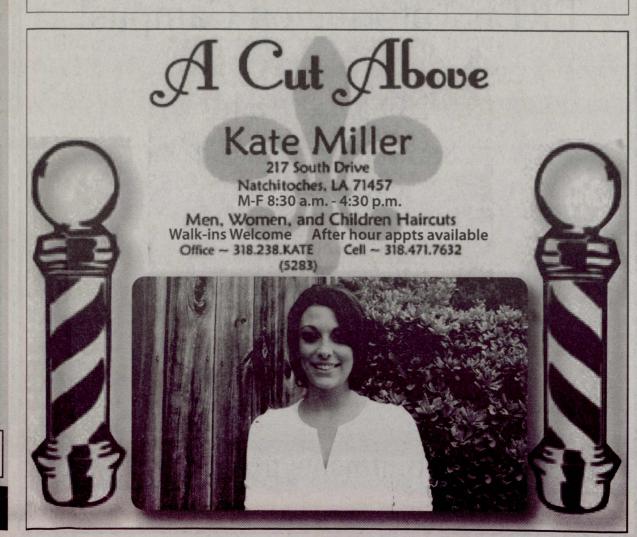
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Opinionated Spirits: from a dream to a beer

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

ver America's history, different races poured into this country and filled its borders like a well-

poured beer filling the borders of a sparkling, clear glass.

As different races spread across the country, tensions between them followed. This created a noticeable difference in society as visible as the layers of a properly poured Black and Blue beer, Guinness mixed with Blue Moon.

One of the most commonly thought of racial differences are between whites and blacks. A simple drink can, surprisingly, explain the

gradual change of the racial tensions After a few sips toward that fine line between whites and blacks.

When a Black and Blue is poured properly, there is a perfect balance of Guinness on the top and Blue Moon on the bottom. The lighter colored Blue Moon is allowed in the glass first, which would be the natural order of segregation in America's history.

While gazing at the beauty of Guinness suds flowing to the bottom of the top layer, one can see a noticeable difference between the colors of the two beers just like how one can see a noticeable difference between the colors of the two races.

When the Black and Blue first hits the taste buds, it is merely the Guinness that hits them. Since it is clear that there are two different beers in the glass at first, it would seem like a drinker would obviously taste the two separately as he drinks.

of beer segregation, a drinker will savor the final few sips of the Black begin to taste the new flavor being and Blue, he can see that the drink

Over time, the mixed taste becomes more noticeable, and a drinker will begin realizing that he is not drinking two separate beers, but one.

It soon becomes apparent that those two different flavors have mixed to form one unique flavor, much like America's history of conflicting races. Just like it takes two will have a caramel skin color. noticeably different beers to make a ferent cultures to make the unique culture found in America.

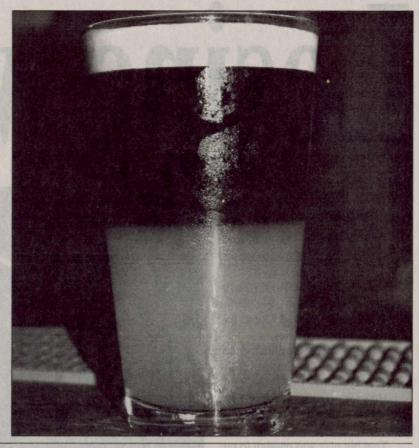
Even the physical appearance of this seemingly new beer changes toward its complete consumption.

As the fluffy, white foam head journeys closer to the bottom of the glass, one can see the gradual change

By the time a drinker is ready to that was once two distinct colors is now a single, caramel color.

Even for America this same principle will apply. Scientists have claimed that one day the country will be united as one race due to cross-breeding between members of different races, and the culture will consist of one race of people who

Just as a drinker will gradually Black and Blue, it takes several dif- accept the necessity of both Guinness and Blue Moon to make a Black and Blue, people in America have gradually accepted the necessity for blacks and whites, and even the many other races that make up society, to make not only the unique culture that America enjoys today, but also one great tasting beer.



Be Frank: bring home the bacon

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

here is a small farm with a pig, a chicken and a

They

all very happy and pleased with everything that their farmer had done for them, so they decided to make him breakfast. They all chipped in whatever they could. The cow gave her milk, the chicken gave her eggs and the pig gave provided the bacon.

See, there are different elements to everything that don't require everyone dying for a cause, but everyone needs to be willing to give up a little something to make things hap-

This was the story a professor told me a few years back while explaining why he had a stuffed pig in his office. Apparetly, it served as a reminder for this tale.

In life there are cases were we all need to play the pig; we all need to decide to give it all. But there are also cases where it is essential and

simply play the part of the cow or the

Recently, a friend was explaining to me about his senior year of football. It was hard as hell, he didn't like the coach and he wasn't overly happy. But he went out there and played his part.

age. But it was worth it to him. It was worth having the bum knee for life to play for a coach he didn't like.

It could be argued that he was a pig his senior year. He gave his all for his team and lost full-working functionality of his knee.

So many times we look at our problems and think they are monstrous, and it becomes our job to fix all the "evil" in the world. We want to put on our cape and be the superhero everyone needs and requires.

But we forget we only get two knees to walk. If we are the pig for every cause and every decision, then we have wasted our ability to walk fighting the small fights and no longer have anything left for the bigger more important fights down the

Folks are constantly telling me brings home the bacon.

necessary that we don't and that we to "fight the bigger fight," but I never quite know what that is. I cannot figure out what fight is worth fighting and what fight is worth letting some-

> My mom always told me when I little to "know when to hold 'em, know when to fold 'em.'

I was (and sometimes still am) The result: life-long knee dam- convinced that it was my job to make the world a better place and to fix every problem out there. It was my responsibility, my civic duty, to correct every moral injustice.

But fighting gets tiring. It gets old. It slowly kills you. There are moments where it is essential you stand up and fight that bigger fight.

The trick is just knowing when it is time to be the pig and when it acceptable to be the chicken. We all leave this world with battle scars, but it is our luxury to decide the story our scars tell.

You can be the fella who walks with a slight limp because you served one more year for your team.

You can be the cow with one less gallon of milk. You can be the chicken with one less egg.

Or you can be the pig who

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Nine blind justices

Curtis Desselles Guest Columnist

he United America is a nation of laws.

Our founding fathers started this experiment in

democracy more than 200 years ago, but today the system is too complex to survive. The three government branches were supposed to complement each other and balance the wishes of the majority.

This is about how one branch (Judicial) is forgetting its place. The word 'Justice' is in many great American instruments, and the name 'Justices' is suppose to represent a group that protects the fundamental principle of fairness which is Ameri-

For many years I have listened to the phrase, "Justice is blind." I do not believe that the Justices of the U.S. Supreme Court should be blind as well. They think in the abstract and use very little common sense.

The instrument of justice is the U.S. Constitution. This instrument is not infallible, and it was intended to be modified and amended only when such rights that it guarantees are denied to legal American citizens.

The U.S. Supreme Court has

ism and to them the constitution is innocence by saying "I am innocent, seen as an abstract and theoretical innocent, innocent...."

fore I will cite two cases to make my cuses on the Justice Department's point and justify the essay's title. attempt to enforce immigration laws The first case is Herrera v. Collins by arresting an undocumented workand the second case is Flores-Figer- er who possessed an illegal social seoa v. United States. In Herrera, the defendant was

sentenced to death in Texas and was appealing his conviction because of the undocumented worker's illegal new evidence. The new evidence suggested that he was innocent and several lower courts held that this matter should go further.

In 1993, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments with Chief duced his sentence because the so-Justice William Rehnquist delivering the opinion and stating "The claim of actual innocence based on newly discovered evidence does not state a ground for federal Habeas re-

The decision also stated "The U.S. Supreme Court is not a Trier of

These two statements suggest sion was based on the fact that there age American. were no trial errors and that due process was adequate.

kind of ruling worth a lifetime ap- denied to legal American citizens. I pointment?

Herrera was executed four

The next case is Flores-Figeroa The scope of this is short, there- v. United States. Flores-Figeroa focurity card and had committed other

This legal argument was that social security card constituted identity theft. The defendant was found guilty by the lower courts and sentenced to 51 months in prison.

The U.S. Supreme Court recial security card didn't belong to

Wow! How can a court condone two crimes? Several laws were broken here, one of which was the illegal status of the defendant. This is analogous to a person shooting a gun into a crowd and not getting charged because no one got hit.

that the court and justices are out of suggesting that the U.S. Supreme touch with what justice is. The deci- Court is out of touch with the aver-

The U.S. Constitution should only be modified and amended when Who lives in a vacuum? Is this such rights that it guarantees are want to emphasize 'legal' citizens.

Obama awarded Nobel Peace Prize Take more time in your decision Obama got what he deserved

Marquis Montgomery Guest Columnist

'll be the first to admit I was initially a bit puzzled by the decision to award President Barack Obama with the



2009 Nobel Peace Prize. Never mind the fact that he's only been in office for a little less than nine months, the deadline to be considered for the Nobel Peace Prize was Feb. 1, only 12 days after Obama took office. The President himself doesn't even feel he deserves it.

But when you think about it, Obama's effect on the world started well before Jan. 20. I saw and felt the genuine unity, inspiration and hope from a lot of my peers of different races, backgrounds and nationalities. Another important factor to keep in mind is the Nobel Peace Prize is often awarded as a way to draw attention to critical issues surrounding peace and give them momentum, as opposed to commending work already accomplished. Obama has been heavily invested in promoting peace and improving the way other countries view America, which he is succeeding in doing.

The Peace Prize Committee's surprising choice, already being blown way out of proportion, has sparked the all too familiar debate with all of the usual suspects.

Way on the left end, you have those who take the attacks from those who annoyingly worship every blade of grass the President walks on. Then you have the more rational thinking people on either side of the debate somewhere in the middle, along with those who really couldn't care less. And on the other end are those (more than likely fans of that Imperial Wizard...whoops, I mean radio host, Rush Limbaugh) who are using this as yet another excuse to tear down Obama. The latter speaks to a bigger issue going on in Ameri-

For all the bridges that have been built since Obama stepped onto the scene, there are some who stand at the end of the bridge holding a torch. A pattern has developed that anytime Obama does something, sometimes nothing at all, certain people frame it as Armageddon. A picture could surface of him eating Apple Jacks and someone will vow never to eat that cereal again because "someone like Obama eats it."

Of course, people are genuinely critical of the job the President is doing, as we all should be. I don't think anyone in his or her right mind could try to claim Obama is perfect. And frankly, as dirty as some attacks have been (like comparing Obama to Hitler), the politics game is about as dirty as dirty can get.

By the way, it was just as dirty when some of the same people whining now compared Bush to Hitler not too long ago. But then you have

simply expressing concern or trying gain a political edge, to outright trying to destroy the President.

There's been a re-enforcing of the age-old "Us vs. Them" mentality when it comes to Obama and his family. Phrases like "I want my country back," Obama depicted on food stamps with chicken and watermelon, and people who deny the legitimacy of his citizenship, have agitated me for a while now (as my Facebook friends are well aware of).

It's sad that having a liberal, bi-racial President has gotten certain Americans to the point of being so UN-American that they rejoice when a major American city doesn't get the Olympics and paint it as an Obama failure. As foolish as it is to assume that all criticism against Obama is based on race, it's equally as foolish to believe that none of it is rooted in absolute racism. And this situation is no exception.

I think those who want to criticize this decision are well in their right to do so, but let's remember who made the decision; a committee that Obama had nothing to do with. If it bothers you that much, take it up with them. And at the end of the day, regardless of which side of this debate you're on, we should remember this isn't a crucial issue and will be old news by next week.

In any event, I congratulate Barack Obama for this great honor and achievement!

Paul Randall Adams Guest Columnist

Ifred No-A bel pa bel passed Dec. 10, 1895, leaving behind a fortune and a will with very specific

instructions as to how that money should be spent.

He specified that his money should be devoted to creating five prizes in the areas of physics, chemistry, medicine, literature and peace. He left an outlined set of guidelines that stated the purpose and the qualifications of each prize.

The Peace Prize, Nobel stated in his will, was to be awarded to one who "shall have done the most or the best work for fraternity between nations, for the abolition or reduction of standing armies and for the holding of peace congresses."

Eighty-nine Peace Prizes have been awarded to leaders of the world, who supposedly fit the bill that Nobel left behind. Through the years, the announcements of the Peace Prize recipients have caused disagreement throughout the world. This year is no different.

President Barack Obama was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize this year, for purposes that are not en-

tirely understood. Was Obama truly qualified for the award that he received? The committee that awarded Obama this award. That would be like nominatdinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."

is working toward great things. It that's the wonderful thing about the is common knowledge he is work- Presidency. It leads to great things. ing for change. He is working to One can greatly mess up just as easgive Americans hope. But it is possible that the Nobel Prize committee awarded just a bit too quickly.

In all reality, the nominations for the Prize must be submitted in giving a preemptive honor for the February. This means that whatever things that are yet to come is ridicuthe nominee had done to promote lous. Jane Addams, the founder of peace must have already have been

Obama's inauguration occurred on Jan. 20, 2009, leaving him just one month as a public figurehead to make any motion toward peace.

Until that point, the only thing we had to base his effectiveness was empty promises. He promised to take the troops out of Iraq - that has not been done, yet. He promised to change, he promised us hope. These things have remained unfulfilled in the 10 months since his inauguration. There is no way that he had done anything Earth shattering to claim an award for peace in the first 30 days of his presidency.

True, the President has, indeed, done some wonderful things since the nominations were due in February, but these things cannot President still has a long way to go be counted in consideration for his

world-renowned prize stated that he ing Meryl Streep for an award in a was given the honor "for his extraor- movie that had not been released because one expected her to do well.

Did Obama truly deserve the award, that early? There is no doubt It is indisputable that Obama that he will lead us to great thingsily as they can greatly fix things. The world is holding its breath to see which Obama chooses.

As for the Nobel Peace Prize, the U.S. Settlement House movement, was nominated 91 times before she became the first women to get the Nobel Peace Prize. She had already completed her good work before she was awarded the Peace

It is safe to say that the committee fell short this year. They neither followed the guidelines outlined by Nobel in his will, nor provided a great thing for a great person.

Norwegian committeemen, an empty promise will remain empty until it is fulfilled. Obama had not fulfilled his dream of hope nor change whenever you chose him for this award.

I only feel sorry for those whose work have been completed that may now never be recognized while our and a lot of time left.

Losing woes continue

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

TSU's Demon football team received its first shutout and fifth loss of the season.

Saturday night at Turpin Stadium, the final score was 34-0 thanks to the nationally ranked University of Central Arkansas Bears.

The Bears scored within the first three minutes of the contest on the second play of their first drive.

Houston transfer Jackie Hinton ran a speed sweep right for a 48-yard touchdown scamper.

That big play was enough to rattle the Demons as the coaches tried to keep the football team calm by reiterating the words "stay relaxed" on the sidelines.

The Demons committed four penalties in a span of eight minutes including an illegal substitution infraction.

"We were very mentally and physically prepared," junior linebacker Colby Arceneaux said. "We need to put it together in all three phases of the game and we have to do better on defense."

before the end of the first half, scoring on a five yard halfback pass by Brent Grimes to the quarterback Robbie Park.

The Bears pushed the lead to 20-0 before entering the fourth quar-



Photo by Bethany Frank/The Current Sauce

Wide reciever Jeremy Jefferson (1) sits on the sideline, disgusted after fumbling the ball in the, 34-0, loss to the University of Central Arkansas, Saturday at Turpin Field. This was the Demons fifth consecutive loss and first in the SLC.

ter and put the game away with two touchdown passes in the final quar- on offense. UCA's offense totaled ter. The first was a 46-yard bomb from Park to Dominique Croom

only 2 minutes into the quarter. The second was a 58-yard con-UCA added seven more points nection between Park and Isaiah Jackson to put the Demons down an

> unreachable 34 points. "We were prepared to win," senior linebacker Isaiah Greenhouse said. "We couldn't have had better game plan on offense and defense."

The Bears boasted big numbers 433 yards with 268 yards on the ground and 160 from the air.

The Demons managed to accurushing yards.

Quentin Castille accounted for 49 yards on 14 carries.

Both quarterbacks, John Hundley and Tyler Wolfe, received snaps from under center, totaling 81 yards sity. from the air.

"That was a very good team that whipped our butts," first-year NSU coach Bradley Dale Peveto said. "They struck fast and didn't make any mistakes to help us get back into mulate 196 yards; 115 of those were it. UCA handled us in all three phas-

> Next Saturday, the Demon Football team heads to Lake Charles to try turn the season around against SLC rival, McNeese State Univer-

"I told the team (Saturday)

night, we're in the same position we were going into the game," Peveto said. "We still can win the conference championship. That's a tall order for any team in this conference, but our opportunities are still there.

Last year, the Cowboys' win over the Demons ended their SLC championship hopes.

"Our complete and total focus has to be on our biggest rival, and a great football program, the McNeese Cowboys," Peveto said.

NSU was defeated in straight

The loss was the Lady Demons

The team hit .088 from the floor

This puts NSU's volleyball

The 1-13 Lady Demons visits

"Right now, it's all about confi-

the University of Texas at Arlington

Wednesday, hoping to snap the los-

dence," Head Coach Brittany Uffel-

man said. "Confidence can go a long

way and that was proven this past

weekend with Nicholls."

sets: 25-19, 25-20, 25-18.

ning led the team with 14 digs.

13th of the season.

Soccer ends losing streak

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

he Lady Demons have been on a four game losing streak, until the right foot of senior forward Chelsey Gibbs ended that with her seventh goal of the season to defeat the University of Central Arkansas Sugar Bears, 1-0.

"The good thing about that goal was that everything was in one touch," Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "(Chelsey)Gibbs found Kayla (King) and Kayla found her right back in one touch. We played well. We kept our composure and if Gibbs gets enough chances, she's eventually going to finish."

The goal that Gibbs scored was her fiftenth point of the season. Gibbs also had eight shots with five of them being on goal.

NSU as a team had the UCA goalie standing on her head.

The Lady Demons had 22 shots, 10 of which were on goal.

As opposed to the three shots by the Sugar Bears. UCA only managed one shot on goal.

"We had three point-blank opportunities," Mitchell said. "When you go through a stretch where you're trying to finish, you try to everything perfectly instead of just playing. Our first two chances I thought should have been goals, but we just babied them in instead of burying it."

This win against UCA was the first for the Lady Demons against Southland Conference foes.

The two SLC games before the UCA game were not as prosperous. NSU opening conference game was against UTSA, and they lost

The two goals were scored by Gibbs and Maddy Hall.

In that game, the Lady Demons managed to have 17 shots with seven of them being on goal.

The four given up were the most goals scored on the Lady Demons all

NSU's second conference game against Texas State, would not go as

planned, losing 1-0. The shutout was only the sec-

ond time the Lady Demons have been shutout in a game.

NSU still managed 10 shots with four of them being on goal.

The Lady Demons look to get back to .500 in conference play, starting a two-game road trip visiting Lamar at 7 p.m. Friday and venturing to Lake Charles to battle Mc-Neese at 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Lamar is 0-4 after Sunday's loss to Texas State, but the Cardinals' conference opponents' record is

"Their records are deceiving," Mitchell said of both teams. "They have played potentially the three best teams in the conference. When you go on the road, everything is

"We saw Lamar play earlier in the year and we were really impressed with them. They have played so many one-goal games and eventually they'll get that turned around."

NSU soccer schedule

Oct. 16 @Lamar

Oct. 18 @McNeese St.

Oct. 23 Nicholls St.

Oct. 25 SELA

Oct. 30 @SFA

Nov. 1 @SHST

Nov. 5 Start of SLC tournament

Volleyball in midst of six game skid

Iriane McCray Sauce Reporter

he Lady Demons' Volleyball team conference loss totals are consecutive loses to the Southeastern Louisiana University Lady Lions, Nicholls State University Lady Colonels and University of Central Arkansas Sugar Bears.

win over the Lady Demons.

The first set was a rugged one for the girls, losing 19-25.

set with a score of 17-25 in favor of lowed with 14 kills.

Demons volleyball team played with tenacity, winning the set 25-24.

The momentum surge kept the bumped up to six after three Lady Demons' hopes alive as they cruised to a 25-16 victory in the

All dreams would soon end in the final set of play.

mons, adding another disappointing loss to their record.

This ever so familiar pattern ern State with 16 kills and junior 25. haunted them well into the second middle blocker Laranda Spann fol-

In a pivotal third set, the Lady hitter Brittany Fruge described the Southeastern Lady Lions as "challenging but beatable."

Fruge added that a victory over pen if the team came out strong and kept the same momentum for the en-

The Lady Lions ended the tie defeat showed up once again against The Lions soared to a five-set with a 15-10 win over the Lady De- the Nicholls State University Lady Colonels in a four game set

Yelena Enwere led Northwest- up and finished with a score of 22-

for the Lady Demons as they soared with similar results.

After the game, junior outside and executed 25-22 win over the Lady Colonels.

While the feeling of victory was nice, it did not last long.

hitter Nicole Hajka followed with 11

In the first set, NSU did not give .146 hits for the match while Nicholls excelled with .206 hits.

Saturday, the Lady Demons The second set was much easier faced the league's No. 1 team, UCA,

The Lady Colonels were consisthe Lady Colonels would only hap- tent and finished the third and fourth with 20 attack errors. Megan Mansets with crushing scores of 25-19 Enwere lead NSU for the game team losing streak at six game. Unfortunately, the repetition of with 14 kills and freshman outside

NSU finished the game with



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Northwestern State University



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Demons celebrate homecoming:

125 years and counting

Shelita Dalton Sauce Reporter

Wars have come and gone, the world has made drastic changes and NSU has stood the test of time... for 125 years to be exact.

The university began over a century ago in 1884 as the Louisiana State Normal School for the preparation of teachers.

University status was obtained years later in 1970.

Many things have changed since the school's commencement, including the rules and regulations students were subject to.

According to the book "Northwestern at 125: Commemorative Edition 1884-2009," there were strict dress codes and disciplinary regulations during the early years.

Finstance, school officials used rulers to make sure young

women's dresses were long enough. Women were seldom allowed to be in the company of men, without a

Other rules that were instituted were mandatory church attendance and the forbiddance of killing bugs on the bed.

Instead students had to put them on the floor and squash them in order to prevent the mattresses from being stained

Former NSU student and Professor of Educational Technology Dr. Ron McBride didn't attend during the initial years.

However, he has several fond memories of his time at the Univer-

He stated that during the 1960s NSU's biggest sports rival was Loui-

siana Tech University. "The rivalry ended after they moved to division one, but I mean we literally hated each other not disliked," he said.

"My philosophy for Louisiana Tech is whoever they play this weekend that's my favorite team."

McBride stated that he had the opportunity to fly in the airplane where NSU dumped 10,000 Wreck Tech leaflets onto their [Louisiana Tech] campus.

He also had a bumper sticker that read, "Better to have flunked out of Northwestern than to have graduated from Louisiana Tech."

"If you talk to anyone whose age 40 to 60 who was an NSU or Tech student during that time, they feel the same way [about the rivalry]," he said

President Dr. Randall J. Webb, who was an NSU student from 1961-1966, has noted other differences

that have taken place over the years. "NSU now has a broader array



Photo by Shelita Dalton/The Current Sauce

of degree programs, a larger enroll- changed," he said. ment, more diverse student body,

"Tuition and fees are higher, the faculty and staff and facilities have budget is larger, which is true around the country because the expectation of education has increased."

This increase in tuition is

echoed in Northwestern at 125. The book states that tuition was

free for the first class of students.

A decade later tuition remained free, but books were \$20 and housing had increased to \$100.

Along with the many changes, NSU has also made many achievements and other expansions throughout its history.

"We have been in one location longer than any other public post secondary institution in the state and we are also the oldest institution in the University of Louisiana System," said Webb.

"We have expanded our campus from Natchitoches to places like Fort Polk and Shreveport."

He also noted the implementation of the Louisiana Scholars College in 1987 and the distance learning program, E-NSU, in recent

Webb added that NSU also has the fourth largest nursing program in the United States.

Additionally, there have been several famous guests who have passed through NSU over the years.

For example, Oprah Winfrey rode in the 2002 Homecoming parade and in 1989 Dolly Parton, Bobby Harling, and Daryl Hannah held a press conference on NSU's campus for the movie Steel Magnolias.

McBride says he admires NSU both as a current professor and a former student.

"The happiest days of my life were being an undergraduate in school and forming relationships,"

"I still have friends that I stay connected to even though hardly any of them are around here [in Natchitoches]."

"The University is very special to me and it's not only because I did my undergraduate work here but there's just something about the place," he added.

To help commemorate NSUs anniversary the administration is encouraging each college to celebrate in their own unique way.

Homecoming will also include special presentations such as a reunion of the members of the Long Purple Line.

In addition to NSUs 125th year, there are other anniversaries

According to Webb the nursing program just celebrated 60 years and the military science program will turn 60 in 2010.

He added that the football program turned 100 back in 2008.



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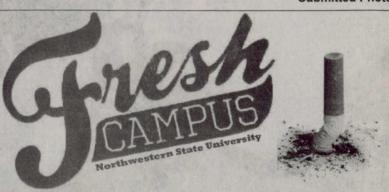
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International students playing for the Folklife Center's concert series.



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Folklife Series Continues

Andrew Bordelon
Staff Reporter

The sounds of Latin America filled the air of the Friedman Student Union last week in an enjoyable yet educational manner.

The NSU Folklife Center is coming along with its Folklife Concert Series as it had its second performance of the semester last Wednesday, Oct. 14, the Hispanic Soul Quartet.

The performers of the quartet were three international students: Jenny Ramos, Mario Torres and Fernando Barrow.

These students have had experience in the music of the culture and some have even live it.

"I really like to be part of these kinds of events that are about Hispanic music because I feel that I represent that beautiful culture," Hospitality, Management and Tourism major Jenny Ramos said.

Another performer, Music Performance major and Liberal Arts major in the Louisiana Scholars College Fernando Barrow, has been performing for the past six years.

He as also been performing Hispanic music during this time and said that he does so to share his Hispanic culture, since he is from Honduras.

"Music is an international language, and it is possible to share feelings and emotions from our Latin background without the use of words." Barrow said.

Ramos is originally from Honduras and has been playing the violin since 2000.

She said that by attending such concerts students could learn more about the music and melodies of the Hispanic culture.

The students played and sang the songs of many famous Hispanic performers, such as Astor Pazzolla of Argentina, Luis Miguel of Puerto Rico, Violeta Parra of Chile and Mercedes Sosa, also known as the "voice of the voiceless ones."

Sosa was able to sing and bring out into light the songs of both Brazilians and Cubans.

There was also a PowerPoint presentation accompanying the performers that contained pictures of some of the Hispanic artists and the English translation to some songs.

This concert was the second of the semester, and there are two more to come this fall.

The Hardrick Rivers and the

Rivers Revue is taking place on Wednesday, Oct. 21, and the Donna Pierite Family and the Tunica Biloxi Singers will be on Nov. 4.

The two remaining concerts for the fall semester will also be in the Student Union Ballroom. So far, the Folklife Center has planned for three more concerts to take place in the upcoming spring semester.

These concerts are a sign of improvement for the Folklife Center after it's concert plans were shot down during the spring 2009 schedule.

Only one concert took place while the remaining two that were planned were scratched due to budget cuts.

The Director of the Louisiana Folklife Center at NSU, Dr. Shane Rasmussen has worked towards getting the performances more support by the University and the student body.

"The purpose of the NSU Folklife Concert Series is to increase student awareness of how culturally diverse the student body is and the exciting cultural contributions our students have to offer each other and the community," Rasmussen said.

Although the series has been put on by the Folklife Center on campus, Diane Jones, Director of the Office of Cultural Diversity, has provided additional sponsorship to support the diverse performances that have and are to be put on.

This alternative contribution has proved vital to promoting these concerts after the Folklife Center's struggle with promoting them through the university's budget cuts in the previous semester.



Submitted Photo Members of the folklife organization take pride in their heritage

...NSU Talks

Freshmen, Criminal Justice Major, Devan Horton says...

"I am super excited about homecoming. I will be going to the game. I just can't wait to go."



Freshmen, Biology Major, Robin Jones says...

"This is my freshmen year so I am not sure what to expect yet. Homecoming week has been fun so far. I really liked riding the bull!"



Junior, Journalism Major, Jocelyn Kyle says...

"Yes I will be going to the game. In fact I will be tailgating. A lot of alumni are coming in because of it being NSU's 125th anniversary and homecoming."



Junior, Social Work, Major Donald Mote says...

"I am always excited about homecoming. We're (TKE) participating in all of the events. Homecoming makes memories." "I love it."



Junior, Journalism Major, Jeffrey Sholar

"I am definitely going to the game. I am just excited about homecoming in general. All the people one the Student Activities Board have been doing a great job!"





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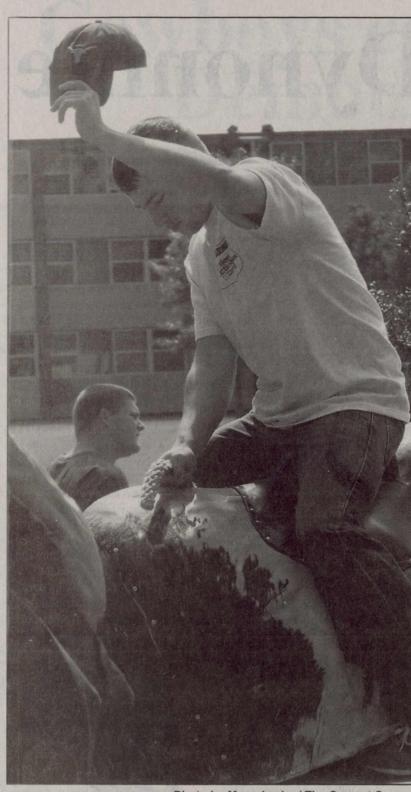


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Students (above-left, above-center) participate in mechanical bull-riding, one of the activities provided during this year's Homecoming.

'17-floats' are floating for

Sarach Person and Tori Ladd Staff Reporter and Life Editor

Organizations on campus will show their school spirit in the a parade by designing floats.

The parade is this Saturday, Oct. 24 at 3:30 p.m. Float line up starts at them working on their floats, many 2 p.m. on Caldwell Drive.

The parade route starts on cam at the Nontraditional Student Housing, then proceed North on Jefferson the best Greek Float and a \$500 for St, a left on Lafayette Street and a

left on 2nd Street. Then the participants will pause front of the Natchitoches Event Center, then go south and re-enter campus at the 2nd Street entrance.

Make a left at Sam Sibley Drive and then turn left at S. Jefferson, back to Nontraditional Student Housing.

All Registered Student Organizations along with Greek lettered organizations were invited to partici-

As of now there are a total of 17 floats and the participants have been very secretive about their projects.

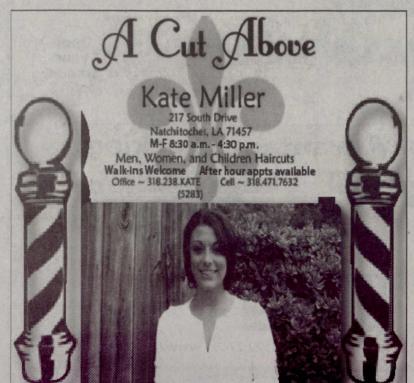
When asked to take photos of replied by saying "wait until the Homecoming Parade, it's a secret."

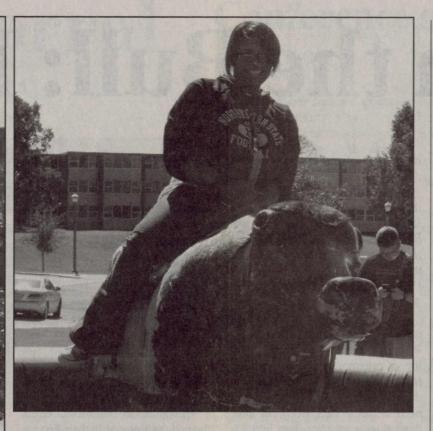
There will be a \$500 prize for the best RSO float that will be given by the alumni center

According to NSU Student Acin front of judges table located in tivities Board, the rules are as follow: organizations have the options of either a truck or a trailer, and gooseneck trailers are satisfactory.

All floats must follow the Homecoming Theme.

The parade will be followed by a Demon pep rally.





Annual saxophone festival features **UNM and LSU** performers

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He has given performance at

Casey Ryenolds Sauce Reporter

The School of Creative and Performing Arts (CAPA) is holding the Second Annual NSU Saxophone Festival on Thursday, Oct. 22 in Magale Recital Hall.

Guest clinicians are assistant professor of saxophone, Eric Lau from University of New Mexico and professor of saxophone, Griffin Campbell from LSU.

All performances are open to the public and the event is being sponsored by The Band House in Shreyeport, Yamaha and CAPA.

Performances will include a master class at 4pm and full recital at 7:30pm.

Six saxophone soloists and the NSU saxophone quartet will perform at 4pm.

Each soloist and the quartet will perform for judges and guests. Each judge will critique three soloists.

Assistant professor of saxophone, Dr. Paul Forsyth said, "It's like a 15 minute private lesson."

The six students were chosen based on their interest and readiness to perform.

The students have been prepar-

ing this music for competition or recital purposes.

Soloists for the festival include sophomores, Daniel Jergins and James Carpenter; junior, Eric McJimsey; graduate student, Larry Chastaine; and high school senior, Daisy Wallace.

Wallace is from Gladewater High School and has been to NSU summer camps.

She will also be auditioning for the NSU band the same day.

The quartet members are Linda Aguilar, Larry Chastain, Josh Meshell and Eric McJimsey.

Lau and Campbell will be performing at the 7:30 recital.

It will be a recital of saxophone and percussion pieces lasting about

They will perform with the percussion professors from their

"Nothing like this has been performed since I have been here," said

During the festival the percussion professors will spend time with the NSU percussion.

Campbell and LSU percussion clinician, Brett Dietz, will perform Seven Ghosts above the Landscape composed by Dietz and Song Book, "Song for Alison" composed by David Maslanka.

Lau and UNM percussion clinician, Robert Ney, will perform Divertimento, composed by Akira Yuyama and Release, composed by John Fitz Rogers.

Lau received a bachelor's degree from LSU and a master's and doctorate from Michigan State Uni-

He has won the Michigan State University Honors Concerto Com-

...NSU **Talks**



Freshmen, Biology Major, Calvanita Boyd says..

"Yeah I'm excited and will be going to the game. I'll be decked out (in school colors)."



Freshmen, Nursing Major, Seth Cotsopoulos says..."I am excited because this is my first football season (at NSU). I'll lose my voice by half time. And if I don't do ROTC I'm painting my body for the game!'



Junior, Business Major, Megan Cullen says..."I am really excited about homecoming. It is my favorite week at college. I love all of the events,

and Genny Broggi has done an amazing job and worked so hard. I am glad so many alumni are coming into town this year because of NSU's 125th anniversary. I also love that it is a night game this year and that the parade is starting at NSU and finishing at NSU."



Sophomore, Mathematics Major Jerett Crumbly says...

"Homecoming is my most favorite time of the year, even though I have to work most of it. I will definitely be participating in what I can with my fraternity. I hope that those who do participate will do all they can."



Junior, Nursing Major, Diane Dan-

"I am so excited and have been so busy because this is homecoming week. I am helping my sorority with our float and in the lip sync contest. I am excited to see all of the alumni coming back (for homecoming)."



Senior, FASC Major, Amy Fox "I am in charge of the float for my sorority and participating in events, so I am very excited about the whole week. I will be at the game and I really hope the Demons win."

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Bs'in with the Bull: Dynomite

Andy Bullard Sports Editor



would like everyone "hello!" It has been a while and I'm glad to be back. Second, I would

also like to introduce Mr. Jimmie Walker, the man to my right. This is his first shot at writing a column so go easy on him this first time.

What we are planning on doing in this double-wide column is explaining the things that we think the Demons are good at, need to do or look out for come this Saturday. Jimmie will take the offensive of the ball and I have graciously taken the defensive side of the ball.

To begin I have, as much as I don't want to say I have, felt that a great defense wins championships. In any sport this holds true, especially in football. Look at the Ravens of 2000. They won a Super Bowl without having scored a touchdown in

that regular season.

Anyway, back on point. The I Demons don't have a bad defense. Actually, if you looked at it at the beginning of the season it was a good defense. The secondary was a veteran group of ball hawks. The linebackers were good solid tacklers and could blitz and drop back and into coverage.

The defensive line was great. We had big, strong, fast guys, who could get to the quarterback. What more could you ask for?

Well, as the season progresses the defense is left on the field longer and longer. It's very hard for a defense to maintain a high-energy yard plays. game when the offense is constantly having three and outs or turnovers.

If you will notice, in all of the Demon's games this year the game was close in the first half, and then somewhere about the mid-way point of the third quarter the other team just pulls away.

they have run out of gas. They have no more left in the tank, thus turn-

something like six of their 16 games ing into a defense that gives up 51

As much as I would like to say that there is a cure for this, there unfortunately is not. The only way that our defense is going to get better is if the offense gets better. And for me that just seems like a long shot, but I'm not talking about the offense, that's Jimmie's job this week.

So some things we need to look for this week against Texas State. Well, for starters we need to put lots of pressure on the quarterback. Make sure he doesn't have time to throw the ball. Secondly, we will need to tackle well. Let's not have those three-yard plays turn into 33-

Thirdly, it wouldn't hurt for the defense to score some turnover or, and I'm going to be stretching here but, score some points of its own. I mean it couldn't hurt. They just need some precious oxygen to be the defense that does everything right.

So, remember when you see the Why, you ask? It's because final score of an NSU game this season a bit lop-sided, don't be so quick to blame the defense.

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter



five colors

urday's game against Texas State University will add one more color;

games of the season.

It will be no different this Saturday as the Demon football team play host to Texas State University for NSU's homecoming game.

In a nutshell, making the correct adjustments and how well the Demons take what the defense gives them will determine the outcome of

Texas State's defense is very

Establishing the ground game will be a rule of thumb for the of-

It takes pressure off of whoever may get the call to be the starting snap taker for the game, so expect the Demons to hit the ground run-

This is easier said than done. On offense, anytime the Demons show that they are actually athletes, they stick their foot in their mouth by making mental blunders.

William Griffin should receive the bulk of the carries, as he is the It's no secret that mental errors current leader with 334 yards on 79 plagued the Demons in their first six carries and is proven to be a hard runner. Quentin Castille will compliment the ground and pound game but there is something about a 6-1 235 lb running back that screams, 'We are going to run the ball!"

While a sensational rushing attack is pivotal for success for the Demons, TSU's defense isn't going to lie there.

The Bobcats, like every other team thus far, will load the box and generous, allowing 36 points per try to force NSU to rely on their

quarterback to win the game.

When teams usually do this, the bail out play is more times than not, an unsuccessful dump off to the half-

It's unsuccessful because the three-step drop pass play is extended to nine or 10 because of indecisiveness at the quarterback position.

This was the case then Grambling's defensive end, Christian Anthony, intercepted the demons twice on consecutive drives.

Other passing plays can soften up the stiff run defense.

The drag route that Darius Duffy runs every blue moon works nearly every time.

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Even when this play isn't called, picking a play that has his number is

Linebacker can't go stride for stride with him when he's in the slot and he has a knack for finding the

sweet spot in zone defenses. The Demon football team has had their share of bad luck this season but if they play 60 minutes of smart football, they will earn their



The Current Sauce: Wanna bet?

Sauce staff predicts Homecoming results

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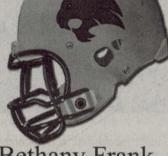
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The Tradition Continues

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Hunter Bower Sauce Reporter

orthwestern State University will continue tradition Satur-

The Demon football team will play Texas State for the 26th time since 1983, Homecoming will take place during halftime, and Demon fans from past to present will come together to celebrate the 125th anniversary of Northwestern State Uni-

The homecoming game has been long awaited for many alumni and current students.

It is a chance for old friends to come together once again and relive old memories of when they were in college and also for them to share their memories with the current students as well.

Northwestern State has a multitude of traditions including the annual Lady of the Bracelet beauty contest, the Legend of Isabella still lives on as she has been seen in the Old Women's Gym beside Varnado Hall.

All of these traditions have meant something to Northwestern since its inception in 1884.

Not many of these traditions

tion here on campus, and that is the spirit of Northwestern State Foot-

Since 1907, the Northwestern 1977. day night at the Texas State State Demons have taken part in inthe test of many opponents in the long history of football action.

> The Demons have played in 920 games and currently contain a record of 493-405-22 with a .527 winning percentage.

> four times 1988,1997,1998,2004) and have reached the NCAA FCS playoffs six times (1988,1997,1998 ,2001,2002,2004).

One of the most successful teams in history was perhaps the 1998 Southland Conference championship team who went 11-3 overall and 6-1 in conference play.

The team made it to the semifinals of the playoffs with wins over Illinois St. and Appalachian St. in the first two rounds.

final round but bowed out in a 41-31 defeat in the end. The Demons also hold 6 NCAA school celebrates its 125th anniversa-FCS records including the longest

pass play, most interceptions in a

against Massachusetts in the semi-

have been able to match one tradi- game and best punt return average in

The team also holds a 20-10 record in homecoming games since

All of these records have detercollegiate football and have stood fined the Demon football team and Northwestern as a top competitor in the Southland Conference and even

> None, however, can define the spirit and tradition of Northwestern.

The Demons have done way The Demons have also won the more than win football games and Southland Conference championship championships in its 102 year his-

They have shown the whole nation that even after their careers have ended at Northwestern, they have a bright and productive future in the

Northwestern has produced many athletes who have moved on to other careers and just as they did in college they have gone out and gave whatever they did 110 percent. When the Demons take the field

Saturday night at Turpin Stadium, Northwestern St. faced off they will take part in one of the most storied traditions in all of Louisiana college football. Fans will witness history as the

ry and most of all everyone will feel

the spirit of Northwestern.

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Cowboys corral Demons

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

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owboys ride Demons out of town, by the final score of

It's as if the Demon football team had been placed in the latest "Saw" movie. Advancing themselves to the next room, only to be caught by another one of Jigsaw's ingenious devices, leaving the team with the slightest idea of when they will finally win the game.

Jigsaw's latest booby trap for the Demon football team was SLC rival McNeese State University.

Saturday, the Demons defeat of 51-23 granted the team with their sixth loss of the season thanks to 13th ranked MSU Cowboys.

It didn't take long for the Cowboys to get on the scoreboard. MSU scored on their third play from scrimmage with just 1:12 into the game. Freshman MSU running back Champlai Babin ran right of the formation for a 30-yard touchdown.

It was the second week in a row that the Demons' defense gave up a touchdown on the opening drive.

On the ensuing Cowboy drive, Babin's number was called again. This time, he topped off a seven-play 80-yard drive with a 10-yard run for his second score of the game.

Midway through the second quarter, the Demons mounted a goalline stand that would give them a great opportunity to put a dent into the 16-3 lead but any thoughts of a comeback would soon change.

The Cowboys scored twice in the final minutes before halftime. The first touchdown was a 19-yard



Paul Harris (13) scoring a rushing touchdown in the 51-23 lost to McNeese State.

run by Javaris Murray. The second was a 45-yard bomb by quarterback Derri Fouroux to push the score to

MSU accumulated over 339 total vards by halftime compared to

"We're just not executing," NSU quarterback John Hundley said. "We make a good play then we go back and shoot ourselves in the

The Demons put forth some effort scoring on consecutive drives in the third quarter. NSU quarterback John Hundley scrambled 11 yards for the Demons' first touchdown of the game. Hundley was key the next Demon drive. He scrambled until he found true freshman Bradley Brown in the end zone.

This would have been nice but McNeese returned the favor by scoring a pair touchdowns of their

For Hundley, the game was disappointing. McNeese has a great tradition but losing is extremely upset-

49 seconds into the fourth quarter, MSU scored their final points of the game. A fumble return by Desmond Lighten gave the Cowboys the most points scored in a single game, dating back to the first game

"We had a good game plan and we practiced hard during the week," senior defensive back Kasey Brown said. "If they're better than us then it's not what the score reflected."

This Saturday, the Demons play host to Texas State University for NSU's Homecoming game.

"We have to bounce back," senior wide receiver Jasper Edwards said. "We dug ourselves in a hole in the beginning of the season and now I think we are just trying to find that

Conference still a tough road to hoe

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

ady Demons continue to struggle in conference play

The Lady Demons soccer team dropped to 8-8 on the season and 1-4 in the Southland Conference after two consecutive loses to the Lamar University Cardinals and the McNeese State University Cowgirls.

Lamar's 1-0 win over the Lady Demons gave the team their first shutout on the road.

It was the second time the Lady Demons was shutout this season.

The winning goal came in the 57th minute of the match. Lisa Hance found Kari Davila from 15 yards out

The Cardinals were able to threaten the Lady Demons eight times while the NSU only managed to get in striking distance twice.

Senior midfielder Missy Oakley attempted both scoring opportunities for the Lady Demons while four other players attempted two shots to

total the Lady Demons' 11 shots for

Senior goalkeeper Lindy Strahan added seven more saves to her collection, giving her 62 for the sea-

for the third time this season Sunday thanks to the MSU Cowgirls.

took advantage of a controversial no-call and won the match 2-0.

A foul by the Lady Demons gave the Cowgirls a free kick. During the free kick, the McNeese player tipped the ball then kicked it into play, which led to a score by Audrey LaLanne to give McNeese a 1-0

A player cannot touch the ball consecutively and a free kick should have been rewarded to the Lady Demons to negate any scoring opportunities for MSU.

Lady Demons soccer head coach Jimmy Mitchell argued the no-call and received a red card; ejecting him from the game.

MSU's second goal came in the 30 minutes into the match. Brittany Sanders headed a corner kick for the

The Cowgirls didn't dominate the Lady Demons. NSU had plenty The Lady Demons was shutout of scoring chances but couldn't cash in the their opportunities.

Within the first six minutes of In the second half, McNeese the match, Lady Demons forward Megan Hunter's shot was saved by MSU goalie Cassandra Read.

> Chelsea Gibbs' shot 30 minutes in bounced off the crossbar and a two-on-ome breakaway opportunity was negated because of an offsides

NSU had just two shots on goal compared to the six McNeese had.

The Cowgirls also had four more corner kicks than the Lady De-

The Lady Demons host Nicholls Friday. It is he first of the team's final two home game.

The regular season home finale will be Sunday as the Lady Demons face Southeastern University.

Lady Demons reign triumphant

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

n the most recent tournament, the Lady Demon Tennis team dominated the court at the Warhawk Invitational in Monroe.

The Lady Demons won the only two singles that were completed due to inclement weather.

The reason for the success, Patric DuBois, head coach of the Lady Demon Tennis team, thinks it is because nine talented players are competing for the six spots available on

"When you have good compe-

tition, it brings out the best in ev- sults. erybody and I think everybody is playing at a higher level right now," DuBois said.

We need to continue to play at this level for the rest of the year. DuBois said the success of the team comes from the team practicing as ence this year in women's tennis this

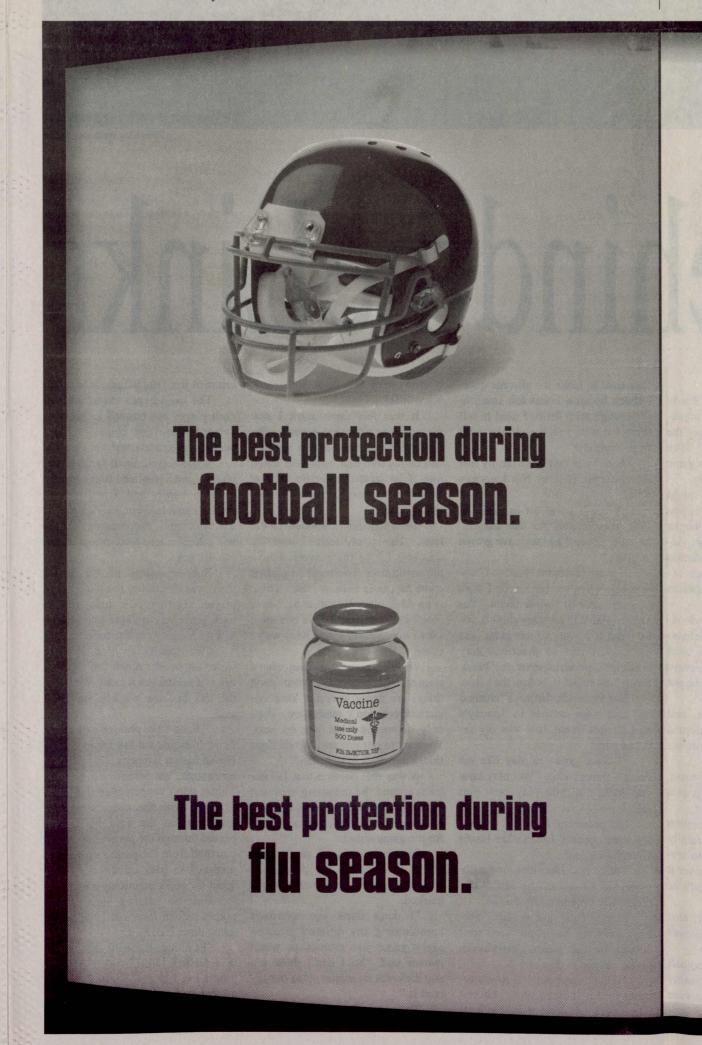
The Lady Demons will only get better, he said. The members who were previously on the team have gotten stronger since last year, and the team as a whole is playing better.

Through the season, DuBois expects the team to continue to improve and hopes they see good re-

During the fall, the focus is on individual performance. This determines the line up for the spring season, which is team versus team dual matches.

"I think the Southland Conferyear is pretty strong," DuBois said. "It's actually as strong as I've ever

Halloween weekend, the Lady Demons will participate in the Southern Mississippi Invitational. In November, the Lady Demons will face off against University of Texas



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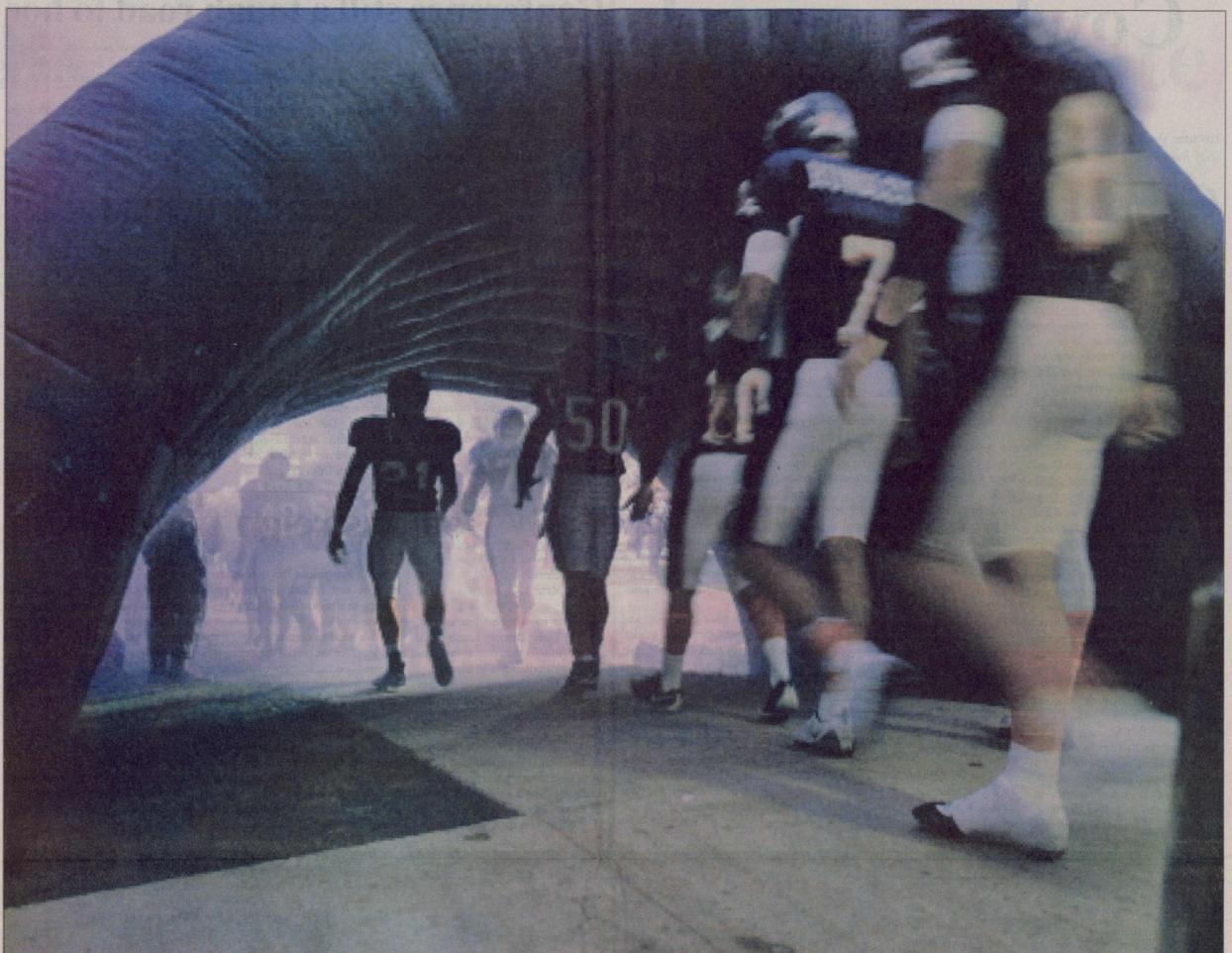


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BeFrank: Behindthe Links

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

C o often fans get wrapped up in S the heat of the game, the thrill of a touchdown and the intoxication of a good cheer.

It becomes this momentum and before anyone realizes it, they have become part of the game. They join the players in screaming at the ref during a bad call. They join the coaches in screaming at the players for missing a good catch.

But the best part about being a fan is the luxury of being able to leave at halftime when things get bad. After all, you were just there to see the band, right?

mornings the coaches join at the field house and prepare to do it again in a

The team then piles into the Ready Room every Monday and waits for that week's assignments with the weight of a little medal link around each player's neck. That link might be a silly piece of medal to the fans, but to the team it holds a deeper meaning.

"The link represents the bond between teammates that already exists but is usually not spoken," Center Marcus Washington said. "It stands as a reminder for each player that he is part of the team and that his actions affect everyone else."

Kasey Brown, cornerback, elaborated more on the link saying, "The link means that we are a bond and a team working toward one common goal, and that is to win. It let's responded. my teammates know that whatever

for the team and even found a place in the weekly schedule. Each day of the week has a link, each with a little more paint on it than the first.

"It represents the work we do each day," Head Coach Bradley Dale Peveto said. "Their sweat, blood and tears are in that link as they take the out their weaknesses and then exfield to play for victory."

Mondays the gray link stands as a reminder that they start fresh and tice. Peveto continued.

Regardless of the game, Sunday Mondays]," he said. "But the link ain't got no paint on it."

But by Saturday, the link is aura about it.

"The link is a reminder not to linebacker, said. ""It reminds you family tradition. who you are and to put your team

It on Saturday I received the

My journey began at 9 a.m. while we "broke bread" and ate breakfast. I sat with the coaches and was blown away at the conversation.

"I don't usually like cereal that floats, but there is something about Apple Jacks..." one coach said.

"No, if there aren't any marshmallows than I don't like it," another

We met back up at the Ready happens I have his back, and he has Room for team chapel after breakfast. And then I witnessed one of the The link became a center point weirdest phenomenons ever. The team literally played an entire game without putting on any padding.

> The whole experience might State. as well have been Greek, but it was nonetheless fascinating. It began with one coach going through videos of the opposing team, pointing with me." to say the least.

have a whole week ahead of prac- ed in half: offense on side, defense on the other. Then each side went "You have this anxiety [on into further detail on how the plays they practiced all week could be put

completely gold, and the Ready walked through plays and reinforced best. Hands down, that was my fa-Room has a completely different everything the coaches had just ex- vorite part.

be the weakest link," Yaser Elqutub, football is more than game. It is a you look, and you play how you

Elqutub is a first generation game after his cousin went to trypleasure of following the team out for "football" only to discover it was used to

Chad Bell, wide receiver, also joined the family game when he was haps the team hasn't prepared well a young boy.

"I got started playing football by hanging out with my step-brother older and bigger than me, and I always wanted to play with them, so

they used to make me all-time quar- Northwestern State Football, mark returned from the tailgate area. terback because I was too small to play rough with them. I used to tell them I can be tough and take a hit during Peveto's game speech after from anybody."

And it was that same family feel that brought Bell to Northwestern

"When I came on my official visit, they treated me like family," he said. "It was like they have grown

It was that same family I saw plaining how we could exploit them at lunch when we reconvened after a small break to "break bread." Pe-Afterward, the room was divid- veto explained how important nutrition and rest were to the game and the players and he described why the team joined together to "break bread," as he put it, before the game.

But for lunch, the boys "cleaned We then went outside and up" and were dressed in Sunday's

"We are going to play like we For so many men on the team, dress," Peveto said. "You play how

But preparing for a game is not American who joined the family a one-day ordeal, Linebacker Isaiah Greenhouse said.

"Well it's like this, mentally wasn't the traditional "football" he I prepare all week," he said. "But physically I prepare all year."

Some fans argue that perenough for this season, but Greenhouse begged to disagree.

"What everybody has to underand his friend," Bell said. "The were stand is that it takes time," Greenhouse said. "As soon as we put it all together, no one will be able to stop

my words."

lunch. He explained how a reporter had called him that week and asked him if he would rather be back at LSU winning games instead of be-

later, "This is my team. I love the and others entertained in a pregame coaches, I love the players, I love the institution. The most important game to me is here at NSU. There is no other place I'd rather be. I love Northwestern State. I love our kids. I love being back. I love what we're link on his way out the door.

wanted," he continued. "But good cumstances don't make you. They only determine what you do next. We stick to our process. We do right things and stick to our plan."

It was that passion that led the team around the tailgating area and back into the locker room as the men removed their suits and padded up for the game ahead.

The homecoming game isn't much different for the players as any other game, team members remarked.

homecoming any different because every game you prepare to win," Brown said. "So I don't think it's any different no matter what our re-

There was an understood silence in the field house when the Demons that makes it so interesting."

The team began stretching and It was this same spirit I saw each player put himself in his own personal zone and began his own personal pregame ritual.

Some stayed glued to their earphones and visualized plays, others found a corner and kept to themselves, some laid out their uniforms, To which he responded to me a few shared encouraging words, ritual snack.

But regardless of the ritual, there was one thing that joined each player together—the link. Before each game, each player touches the

"We touch the link because "It is a slower start than what I we're all in. We touch the link because it means yes we can. We touch things are going to come. Your cir- the link because we believe," Bell

> "Those three phrases mean a lot to us. It means we can't stop believing no matter happens. Things maybe though, but things will change. Things don't happen over night."

It is with those that's that the team excited the field house and passed through the purple tunnel and emerged from the purple smoke and prepared to play on the field they spent the week practicing on.

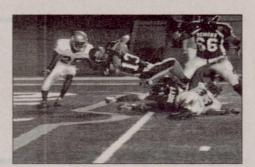
Because running through the "I don't think you approach purple smoke means it is officially game time, Bell said.

"Running through the tunnel is a feeling like no other because you're excited, nervous and anxious all at the same time," Brown said.

"It's the fear of the unknown

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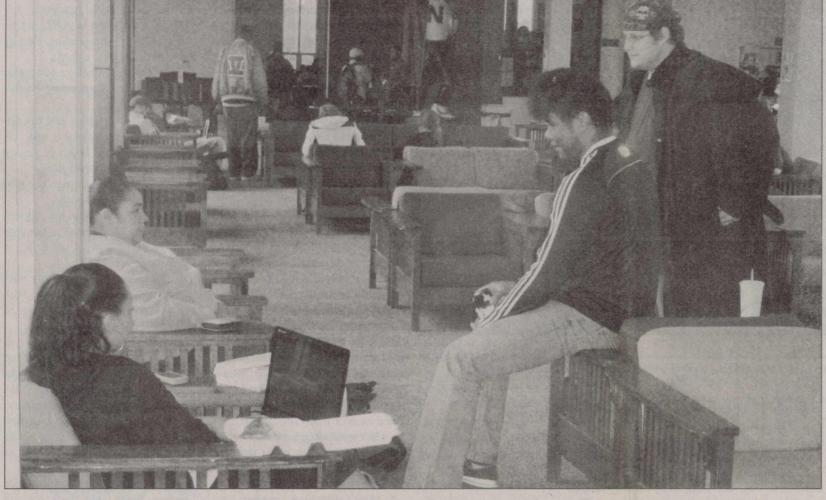


Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce

A group of students hangout in Friedman Student Union between their classes on Tuesday. The SGA is looking into making improvements to the facility.

David Royal News Editor

polls throughout the semester will be collected by the Nov. 6. to figure out how the student body feels about issues concerning the dents respond to the first poll conway money should be spent and cerning whether or not an additional smaller fee would be around \$75 into options for building a new stuschool spirit.

The SGA has configured three es to the student union. polls: one relating to student fees for ing to how the Student Trust Fund to make improvements to the student

committee should spend its money and one relating to whether or not NSU has enough student traditions.

Senators have already collected should be charge. The Student Government Asso- information for the first poll and the

> The organization had 510 stufee should be created to make chang-

Of the 510 polled, 342 felt a

union, 138 felt a large fee should be panels and renovating the downcreated to build a completely new student union and 30 felt no fee

ciation is conducting a series of information for the other two polls feet first now that we know what the students want," SGA President Kayla Wingfield said.

Wingfield explained that the "freshening up the union."

She explained the \$75 would Friedman Student Union, one relat- small student fee should be assessed pay for fixing the student union's ceiling, painting and replacing wall with both circumstances, the fees ter.

stairs area known as "The Alley."

Wingfield said a possible idea for The Alley, which used to be "The Senate's ready to jump in home to the Baptist Collegiate Ministry before the organization built its own building, would be to turn it into a sports bar.

She said if the SGA was to look on the ground level with this issue. a semester and it would go toward dent union, the fee associated with it to finalize costs and specific details would be about an additional \$250 a this semester and said the students

would have a maximum cap and would only be charged for about four years.

Students have varying opinions concerning the new fee, however.

Freshman journalism major Corey Ford said she thinks no additional fees should be charged in the future to make changes to the student

Ford said the SGA should be creative and utilize the money in its budget to make changes, not take more money from students.

Hannah Marze, a freshman biology major, said she would be willing to pay a fee to enhance the student union, but thinks the SGA is asking for too much. She suggested making the fee only \$15 a semester.

Students like Nathan Williams said they like the idea of making The Alley a sports bar.

Williams, a junior criminal justice major, said the improvements that need to be done to the student union are not drastic enough to create a new fee, but added that he would pay \$75 simply to have a sports bar created on campus.

Shayne Creppel, however, said funding for the student union is badly needed.

"The union is the center of student life at a campus," said Creppel, a senior hospitality management and tourism major. "Our [student union] is severely outdated and offers few activities for our students."

Creppel, who is a former SGA president, said he would even be in favor of paying the fee to have a new student union built.

Wingfield said the SGA is still

She said the SGA will continue can expect a bill to be written when Wingfield added, however, that the senators return for the fall semes-

NSU looks toward energy efficient plan

ShaRhonda Williams Sauce Reporter

TSU officials are seeking proposals from Energy Management Contractors to assess the efficiency of the campus's new infrastructure, Physical Plant Opera-

tions Director Chuck Bourg said. "The purpose of the assessments is to evaluate how efficient the current campus infrastructure is," Bourg said. "We need the campus to be more energy efficient to save money in operations."

The previous electrical infrastructure used large amounts of power deemed insignificant to the campus's savings goals, he explained.

The old system was more than 30 years old and in a poor state, said Marcus Jones, the vice president for University Affairs.

Jones said that the old system made it too difficult to provide reliable power to the campus.

As well as replacing the underground wiring, switches and transformers, the campus added stateof-the-art electrical meters to each building - the old system only allotted a meter per designated grid area.

NSU President Randall Webb agreed the new infrastructure is a step in the right direction for the uni-

"The new system will enable us to continually monitor usage by each facility and to implement measures to reduce energy use, especially during peak periods," Webb said.

Jones said he expects there will be significant savings, but added it is too early to predict how much.

Some students think upgrading to the new electrical system is a positive move for NSU.

"The installation may be costly, but in the long run it will be beneficial to the campus," said Kenneth Toussaint, a sophomore accounting

Toussaint said he believes paying a small cost of bi-annual surcharge is a small price for being more energy efficient.

There are students, however, who are more concerned about the amount of money students save annually.

Junior business administration major Ashley Johns said she is only in favor of the new infrastructure if it will make a major difference.

"If the campus does not show significant savings, then I am not for the changes," Johns said.

According to a NSU press release from the News Bureau in 2001, the campus implemented a fee to help pay the higher cost of electricity ad natural gas.

The surcharge for full-time undergraduates was up to \$31.80 for the fall 2001 semester.

The Energy Surcharge implemented by the Board of Regents in 2001 is currently being assessed to students during the 2009/10 fiscal year, said Daphne Sampite, a NSU

Sampite said the surcharge is now at \$6.50 per hour up to a maximum of 12 hours or \$78 per fulltime student.

The Energy Surcharge and the

required charge amount is evaluated and submitted to the University of Louisiana System Board for approval annually, Sampite said.

'Backpack' journalist shares real world experiences with NSU

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

T osh Green, reporter for WNCN in Raleigh/Durham and former NSU student, came back to campus to talk to students last Tuesday.

Green said he is known as a "digital" or "backpack" journalist because everything he needs to do his job is carried in a backpack.

He does everything on his own: find stories, shoot footage and edit his work. Because of this, he hardly ever goes into the station.

Green gave several tips and advice to students: make strong connections, never burn bridges with people and remember names. "You don't have to be a rocket

scientist to be a journalist, but you have to be common-sense smart," he said. "Be the person who craves

He emphasized credibility, and explained that it was the one quality that is the most important in any area of journalism.

"Being accurate and being unbiased is job number one," Green said. He encouraged students to have fun with what they did.

Green was able to give a good perspective of what it's like in the workforce.

He shared memories of stories that stuck out to him the most, in-

cluding when he was sent to cover the 2007 shooting at Virginia Tech.

Green stated that it was an intimidating experience because he was briefed among some huge-name companies like CNN and Fox News, and it was the first time he started noticing the changes with the way news was reported.

During the tragedy, people updated websites, virtually non-stop, with the latest information.

The dynamics of the newsroom have changed due to the recession. There are fewer people to the job, making it essential to be able to take on multiple tasks, Green said.

News organizations are also fighting lower ratings and are trying to capture audiences' attention in different ways, he explained.

Everything is moving toward more multi-functional and more technological methods.

Richelle Stephens, a senior journalism major, said Green was helpful since he was a former student and was able to provide personal experi-

"He gave a good perspective on the industry and gave good advice,"

As an NSU student, Green reported for the Current Sauce, reported for NSU 22 for four years, was the Potpourri editor-in-chief for two

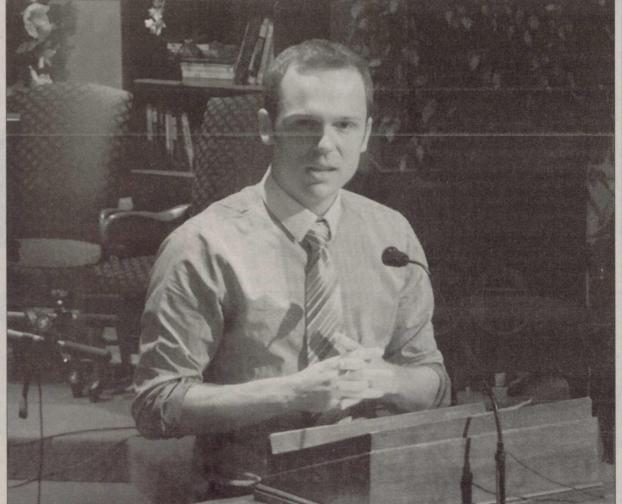


Photo by Amanda Duncil/ The Current Sauce Reporter Josh Green, a 2003 graduate from NSU's journalism department, speaks on Tuesday about what it takes

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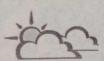
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CHEF Psychology department names acting head



Photo by Mary Jordan/ The Current Sauce

Susan Barnett, acting head of the department of psychology, confers with a student before the start of class.

Mary Jordan Staff Reporter

usan Barnett has been named acting head of the department of psychology at NSU as of the beginning of the fall semester.

Cynthia Lindsay who was the former head of the department, officially stepped down once school began this August.

After a long, strenuous process, Barnett was approved and accepted as the new acting head of the depart-

ment of psychology.

"Dr. Barnett has always been ingenious, energetic, enthusiastic and passionate," Lindsay said.

"When I combine those characteristics with her work ethic and commitment to the university, devery excited in anticipation of all the possibilities of which Dr. Barnett is capable. She is a breath of fresh air."

What comes with Barnett is not just the experience to do the job, but the desire to open up new doors and opportunities for those majoring in

the psychology field.

As acting head of the department, Barnett is in charge of the budget, evaluating the faculty and making sure technology needed is

Barnett said her plans for the partment, faculty and students, I get department go beyond what she is required to do in her position.

She has high goals and aspirations for her department while she is the acting head.

One of her plans involves the Council for Adult and Experienced Learning (CAEL) program.

The goal is to one day be able to offer more degrees to adults through this program, giving the adults participating an opportunity to earn a degree while working and raising a family

Increasing the clinical programs and offering a more extensive Bachelor of Science in a addiction studies degree are also two more important goals for Barnett.

She is also working to get more outside funding and grants for the department.

"If more funding could be brought in to the department then it could be more multi-faceted and up to date with the newest technology," Barnett said.

As it turns out, the psychology program is largely online.

This means that the professors must have the most up to date technology, and students also need a place to have access to this technol-

If Barnett is successful in bringing in more funding and grants for the department, doors will be opened for faculty and students via internet

Barnett would also like to see the addiction studies program marketed more.

She would like for the addiction studies major to grow, and to address other addictions the population is facing today.

Most addiction studies are linked with drug or alcohol abuse.

But that would change if the program were marketed more in depth, so that addictions concerning texting, the internet, technology and other newer addictions faced today in this technological world can be investigated and studied.

Since she started at NSU in 1995. Barnett has had a lot of suc-

She worked her way up to the position of head of psychology, and is very proud of herself for doing so.

Since 2004, Barnett has served on the university's Academic Advising Council, and in 2002, she received NSU's Outstanding Faculty Advisor of the year award.

In 2007, the College of Liberal Arts named her Outstanding Professor of the Year.

She loves teaching and the opportunity to help incoming and current students in the hopes of getting their degrees and dream jobs.

"Teaching is my love, my gift, my passion," Barnett said.

Barnett feels like the biggest drawback as acting head of the psychology department is not being in the classroom enough.

She still teaches, but only with the hours she has available with her new position. "I really miss the teaching," Barnett said.

If you were a student in her classroom or in her department, you wouldn't see that she misses teaching or has many goals to accomplish for her department and her students. What you would see is a fun,

friendly, dedicated professor ready and willing to help her students, as well as those she works with.

Freshman psychology major Leeshey Wade said there are not many educators like Barnett.

" [Barnett] keeps me interested when she lectures and she really knows her psychology. As far as her being the head of the psychology department I have not seen any changes as of yet, but in the future I'm sure that there will be many," Wade said.

Doors 'Highway to Hell'

Sarah Person Staff Reporter

The Student Activities Board's Lagniappe Committee presents the first Haunted House this Halloween: "A Highway to

Students better come prepared to be scared Thursday Oct. 29 at 7 p.m in the Student Union Ballroom.

LaTweika Salmon, lagniappe committee head, said there is something for everyone to be spooked about with several scenes at the haunted house.

was a key accessory in helping with the details about the haunted house, and CAPA students have agreed to help with makeup," Salmon said. What should one expect?

Some of the horrific events in-

clude an insane asylum where the doctors have fallen prey off its patients. There will also include a zombie scene where the dead are walking the streets looking for victims to eat and a clown scene where the clowns get the last laugh.

Looking for something edgy? Well, there will be a psychedelic

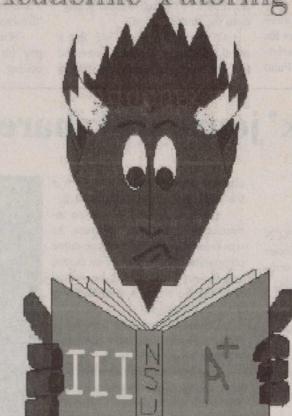
scene "full of black and white trans" where anything can be up and everything is down. The last scene is the Texas

Chain Saw Massacre: "the Beginning and the End. The haunted house has guides

"Additionally, Southern Gothic to take guests through the event and each group will be divided into four to six people.

No costumes are allowed due to safety precautions and SAB doesn't want people to confuse the guests with the "scarers."

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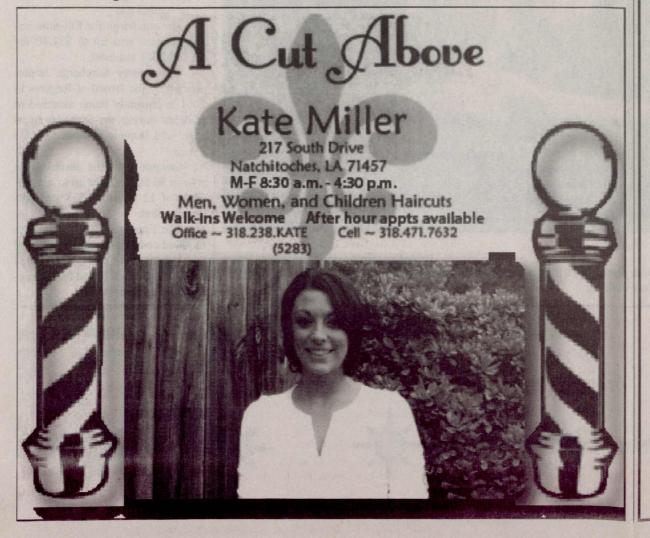


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Be Frank: Google it Half the Battle: War on Santa

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

oogle come a phrase often over used and often times said in jest among my coworkers.

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But as I progress beyond midterms and look at the bigger goalgraduation—I begin to ponder the bigger meaning behind those two simple words.

As a student body we take so much for granted. We abuse the education at our fingertips. So often students fuss because

the "teacher didn't learn 'em good," but how much is an instructor really expected to teach?

The work force is so much more than the simplistic textbooks we lug around campus daily praying don't cause long-term back damage. Hell, the world outside our college gates is changing quicker than those damn text books are published.

Education isn't about always knowing the answer. It is not about how well you did on the biology test or if you even turned in your home-

Education is about knowing how to find the answers you desire.

It is about finding what you want day desire. out of life and learning how to make that happen. It is about realizing you aren't the smartest person in the room and having the desire to become more than what you are.

"Google it" might be a phrase I have come to dread, but it doesn't come without its own lessons.

It has been said to me repeatedly throughout my education that you retain what you learn yourself. Life is about your experiences and making them what you want them to be.

There is a reason my boss insists on me "Googling" everything instead of answering the question himself—eventually I stop asking the same damn question.

If you consistently live exam grade to exam grade and only concern yourself with memorizing the answers you think the instructor wants you to know but never focus on understand or grasping the concepts, then what have you learned?

A diploma should not dictate that you are educated. It doesn't mean much beyond the fact that you know how to pass a test and you are dedicated enough to stick it through

play with the big kids and talk the big talk, then your experiences are going to be very shallow and lack the depth you hopefully will some- you but who you know.

If you refuse to take your education into your own hands and make it something more than an exam grade then you leave this institution with nothing more than the satisfaction of knowing how to bubble in a letter.

Then you leave this institution with nothing more than a meaningless piece of paper with the president's John Hancock.

No, Google is not God's gift to

No, it doesn't always give you the results you require.

But it is only as good as the user. Walk away from Northwestern State with more than a piece of paper. Walk into the classroom with higher expectations from yourself instead of the instructor.

Sit down and make your education your own. Make it a personal.

Don't lose sleep over a grading system that in no way measures your intelligence. And no, a system that grades you on your attendance, participation and homework does not actually measure your intelligence, but rather how well you follow di-

Next time don't worry about al-But if you don't know how to ways knowing the right answer. Because in the real world you just need to know where to look.

After all, life isn't about what

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The meaning beyond the dollar

Amanda Duncil Guest Columnist

t's disheartening to know your worth as a person in the eyes of society generally boils down to the



amount of money you generate per

High schools and collegesparticularly ones boasting online degrees - use money to pressure prospective students to pick a career path that earns big bucks. Otherwise, you're broke and apparently working a dead-end job that will get you

It's this type of propaganda that has set the mentality of society to equate money equaling success, happiness and worth.

Parents contribute to this as

much, if not more, than advertise- society. Some of the most important

When you're younger, you're told that you can be whatever you must finally decide what path to take, chances are there will be people close to you who will discourage your choices.

your dreams and doing what makes you happy? Money is important, no doubt,

but the fascination with money has gone a bit too far. Why are we pushing youth to do

something that will make them miserable for the sake of higher wages? Money can bring you luxury. It can keep you from worrying about

debt, but it alone can't bring you The amount of money you make

shouldn't determine your worth to

jobs earn notably less than others.

For example, the magnitude of the influence of a teacher is insur dream of--sky's the limit. But once mountable because they shape the you've reached the age where you minds of our youth. Although their salary is far from grandiose, everyone can remember a teacher who has had some sort of impact on them.

Every year, college students What happened to following make the decision to study medicine instead of education with the prospect of having job security and becoming rich. Our thoughts are focused on how much we'll make instead of how much we can do for

It's almost as though we're always trying to progress up an invisible ladder of life, and we're not satisfied unless we're constantly progressing upward. Maybe we should focus more appreciating what we have and learn to live life to the fullest

Joe Cunningham Editor in Chief

adies and d gentlemen, for years we have looked evil in the face, waiting for their first move. Today, we, as a



people, must come together to stop the pervasion of this evil into our

As of October 26, we are a nation at war against the evils of greed and the wanton destruction of the American way. No, my friends, it is not a time of celebrating. It is not a time for joy. It is a time to take back what is rightfully ours.

I do not jest, my loyal readers. This is it. This is the year we have to declare war and take back what is rightfully ours as the American

We must take back autumn. I received a text message from a friend I had not spoken to in a while, and she told me that in Walgreens, she had seen Christmas cards on display. This, however, is not the first I have received word of Santa crossing the line.

Since early July, news stories of retailers having sales and allowing layaway hit the major networks. Since then, I have been in my bunker, preparing for the worst.

And the pine-scented weapon of mass destruction hit.

I received an e-mail today from an online liquor store telling me to prepare for the holiday season.

I no longer have a computer.

What in the name of all that is sacred is wrong with us? Halloween hasn't even come and gone yet. Unless... hm. I think I see it now.

OK, my Christmaholics. Are you trying to stamp out the devil by celebrating Jesus' birthday for three months? Are you trying to save our obese nation from tons and tons of candy being dispersed?

Are you trying to put the Batman costume companies out of busi-

Solid plans, but you're forgetting the joys on this wondrous time of year. The time of year when we gorge ourselves on candy, frighten the ever-loving hell out of each other and wait another month to gorge ourselves again with in-laws we don't even like.

Stop the madness. We are in the middle of the fall season. We're skipping the brightly colored leaves, the cool autumn days and even the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown.

And for what? The glory of some fat guy who gives us presents? If you're so eager for presents, you've forgotten the true meaning of the holiday anyway.

So, Santa, you're on my list. Remove your troops from my autumn, or I will resort to violence.

I would say "Don't make me angry," but the Hulk is green and that is not a festive fall color.

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Opinionated Spirits: Secretary of beer

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

ome one, come all! Taste the brew that's tailgate approved, triple hopped and made from the crystal



clear springs of this beautiful country. Drink America!

Imagine an organization that combined the greatest drinkers and thinkers in America to create a brand of beer unlike any other in the world. Just think of a national brewery creating the beer of America.

This was a dream that almost happened for the fourth president of the United States, James Madison, the man considered as "The Father of the Constitution." After elected in 1809, he attempted to establish a national brewery and appoint a secretary of beer to his cabinet.

If such a position was created today, I could see it receiving little or no support from the American people. This could be because of several temperance movements over America's history or the thought that a master brewer would be in line to possibly be the president.

The only thought that bothers me is that if our national government would refuse to establish a national religion, I would hope they would not be foolish enough to establish a national brewery that would ban the production of any other of the unique types of beer that we enjoy

In the hopes that Madison would allow the growth and entrepreneurship of microbreweries, I would approve such a proposition

His goal of establishing the po-

sition of a secretary of beer is what has me more interested, however. If such a position was made public, I can only imagine the piles of applications that would be sent to the oval

who serves as the secretary of beer a man who understands the imporcould possibly be the most dynamic of any member of the presidential candidate, or at least the most interesting character in a social studies

For the sake of curiosity and the progression of political science, I would like to delve into the very being of a person who has been appointed as the secretary of beer.

Americans today might view a man with the title of "secretary of beer" as a drunk with slurred words and morals and a man with little control over himself and his nightlife actions. Well, this perception would most likely be true for a man with such a title, but one must not view a man by his tolerance of alcohol alone. Much like other political figures, he should be viewed by is goals pertaining to the American people and their drinking habits.

He would be a man who the American people would hope had adequate experience and legitimate skills to offer, unlike some of our current government officials. Someone who does not belong in this position would be easy to spot. The president would not, for example, put someone who has had experience in an unrelated field, like an Arabian horse society. An experienced brewery worker or master brewer would be the most qualified for the posi-

A belligerent drunk would not is a few drinks behind."

work for such a position, however, since it would require a man with an understanding of the entire drinking culture in the country.

From those who drink non-alcoholic beers and drinks to the ironwilled binge drinkers of America, the secretary of beer is a man who The profile of a man or woman respects all kinds of drinkers. He is tance of the taste of drinks for those who are drinking those non-alcoholic mixes, whether they be underage, Baptist or pregnant.

> He is also a man who represents the opposite extreme too.

He would push for the approval for stronger blends of booze, from beer to liquor, for those hard-working American men.

America's secretary of beer would support the movement of different flavors and styles of beer to appease the American people. He is a man who understands that one brand is not enough to represent an entire nation of beer drinkers.

Just like how Anheuser-Busch does not crush those microbreweries challenging its dominance, the secretary of beer would not fight against those dream-wishing Americans hoping to brew their own exception-

During the time that Madison was president, there were quite a few Americans making their own type of beer, but it is upsetting that this is not the case today. America's secretary of beer should not adhere to miniscule, negative drinking opinions of certain teatotaling Americans and take advice from more prominent drinking figures, like Humphrey Bo-

It was he who said, "The problem with the world is that everyone

Riding the thermals

Paul Randall Adams Guest Columnist

trong, majestic, glorious. A hawk flies overhead. His impressive wingspan flaps hard to gain altitude.



The sunlight, caught in his feathers, makes a perfect spotlight for the world to see as he climbs higher and higher into the beautiful blue sky. Laboring harder and harder, the

hawk keeps climbing until he has reached a remarkable height. Suddenly, he stops flapping, extending his wings to their full four-and-ahalf feet span.

He plummets, falling quickly, despite the wind resistance against his open wings.

Without warning, however, he is soon soaring, swept through the sky as if a fish in a stream. Just as quickly as he appeared, he is gone, a speck in the clear blue sky.

Hawks have figured something

out that humans have missed for hurt if we're simply average. years. If they work hard enough, straining themselves, they can reach the thermal drafts and get where they're going.

If they push themselves just a little past their comfort zone, it will make the arrival to their destination that much easier.

Humans, however, seem to take the easy way out. The ones that I've met do, at least. They aim to achieve the bare minimum in life. They hope to just "slide by." This brings to mind the old

quote "no pain, no gain." Do we really do anything when we just do the bare minimum?

grow, we never expand. We never far. achieve our best if we don't endure a little bit of pain, a little bit of strife. Humans play it safe. Many try

to avoid going all-out, putting them-

selves out there, for fear that they

We know that it's safe to just slide by. We know that we don't get the hawks.

But what about the harm we do sometimes almost to the point of to ourselves? If you reign yourself in, try to be average, try to do nothing, you are harming yourself. You will lose yourself.

> I encourage you to try harder. It's okay to fail every now and again. Sometimes you must go one step back to take two steps forward. When hawks fly to their high-

they begin soaring on the thermals. They must have faith that they'll be caught in the flow. But they also know that they will be able to rely on their own abilities to fly to safety if

est, they must drop a few feet before

We must be willing to rely on No pain, no gain. We never our own devices when we drop too

The truth is, we will all drop.

they drop too far.

But when we reach our highest, we'll find how much easier life is. We'll find it easier to achieve our

dreams, to arrive at our destination. We could all learn a lesson from

Bobcats barely claw past Demons Seniors keep SLC to urney hopes alive

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

NSU homecoming.

wo fourth quarter field goals gave Texas State University the 20-17 win that ruined the Demon football team's dream of winning its first game for the 125th

With 1:55 left in the game, TSU kicker Justin Garelick nailed a 21-yarder to edge out the Demons.

On the ensuing drive, NSU managed to make it to the Bobcats' 39-yard line, but a failed fourth-andfive conversion stalled the drive and ended the Demons' chance to get that first win under their belt.

"We can't hold it [the game] to that drive," sophomore NSU offensive lineman Zach Case said. "We missed opportunities and shot ourselves in the foot."

This was the second time in three years that TSU beat the Demons for their homecoming game.

"It was an awesome effort. We didn't always make the plays but we always were busting it and we did give ourselves a chance to win," first-year head coach Dale Peveto said. "There wasn't a man on the team who didn't believe we were going to win until they finally stopped us in the last minute on their side of the field."

The game was tightly contested for 60 minutes.

The Demons took the lead early in the fourth after a 28-yard touchdown run by William Griffin.





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Runningback (6) William Griffen, left, and quarterback (13) Paul Harris, right, both score rushing touchdowns, in the close 20-17 loss to the Texas State Bobcats on homecoming. Griffen and Harris both had over 100-yards rushing, and led the Demons to a season-best 289 yards on the ground.

The Bobcats answered back with a 29-yard game-tieing field goal from Garelick.

The Demons' next drive stalled and a short punt allowed the Bobcats to knock in the tie-breaking kick that would inevitably win the game for

The Demon football team rode the back of true freshman quarterback Paul Harris because of a broken thumb John Hundley sustained last week against McNeese.

and it was an impressive one. Harris led the Demons' offense game in 1998.

to 402 total yards. "I was nervous," Harris said.

"Coach Cooley calmed me down and got me familiar with the looks that the defense was going to give

Harris threw for 117 yards and connected 10 of his 16 attempts.

He ran for 118 more yards on 22 carries and became the first player to rush for 100 yards in his first start, It was Harris' first college start since all-time rushing leader Tony

"Paul played just tremendous," NSU offensive coordinator Todd Cooley said. "If we don't have some [passes] droped, he's well over 200 yards passing and we've got more 20.'

Griffin reached a career-best 121 rushing yards to add to the Demons' season-high 289 rushing yards on the ground.

TSU, the nation's fifth-best scoring team with a 36.8 average, een night at six.

Taylor posted a 100-yard rushing was held to only 20 points by the purple swarm defense.

> "The defense did very well against an offense that can score at will," Case said. " If we minimize the redzone penalties, we win by

The Demons look to end the seven game losing streak and receive their first win of the season as the team heads across the border to Huntsville, Texas to face the Sam Houston State Bearkats on Hallow-

Senior forward Maddy Hall scored Sunday's only good scored Sunday's only goal as the Lady Demons defeated Southland Conference rival Southeasten Louisiana. Along with scoring the winning goal, Hall also picked up the Southland Conference Offensive Player of the Week award.

The goal was her sixth of the season. Marking the last regular season home game of the season, all of the Lady Demon seniors were recognized just before the start of the

This contest would prove to be very emotional not only for this reason, but as a must win game in order to keep the Lady Demons postseason hopes alive.

First half action between the two teams seemed to favor NSU, as they remained on the attacking half of the field limiting Southeastern to only 3 shots the entire half and no threatening opportunities.

The Demons dominated time of possession in the first half but could not find the back of the net. The tide turned in the second half, and SLU picked up the pace to show why they had remained unbeaten thus far in conference play by pressuring the Demon defense. But even in Southeastern's dominant second half play, the Demons found a weak spot.

Lacie Hughes narrowly missed a goal in the first half as Rachel O'Steen sent a ball into the box off of a corner kick, and this same approach would net the winning goal.

Meghan Hunter sent a low, driven ball into the near side of the goal where Maddy Hall was positioned.

All it took by Hall was a simple flick and redirection of the ball for it to find the back of the net in the 75th

"I'm really glad for Maddy [Hall] because she's really had a tough time with injuries throughout her career," Head Coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "Getting the gamewinning goal like that is certainly a great way to end your home career."

With the win, the Demons postseason hopes are still alive as they visit Stephen F. Austin next Friday, who is also looking to secure a spot in the SLC tournament next month which is to be held at the Demon Soccer Complex.

Also receiving an award this week was Demon goalkeeper Lindy Strahan. This is the third time this season she has received the award.





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NSU volleyball gets first SLC victory

Sports Editor

he NSU Lady Demons volleyball team ended a losing streak that stretched all the way back to the middle of September.

NSU ended its streak against the Texas A&M-Corpus Christie Islanders, this past Saturday, by the score of three games to one. "We started flat but really kicked it into gear in the second set," Lady Demon head coach Brittany Uffelman said.

The Islanders won the first set by the score of 25-19, but fortunately for the Lady Demons they were line.

the final three sets, by the scores of; 25-12, 25-14 and 25-17.

NSU came back from an 8-5 deficit in the fourth set to tie the set up at eight, then kept it tied at 11-11 until the Lady Demons scored 10 of the next 12 points in the set to take a 21-13 advantage and basically put the set out of reach.

In the match Yelena Enwere led the way for the Lady Demons. Enwere had a season-high 20 kills on 36 attacks with only four errors.

... For more stats, see full story on-



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Arrival of Aladdin's just around corner

Andrew Bordelon Staff Reporter

fter receiving final approvals from state and parish officials, Abdel "Abe" Muqbell and his son Akram are almost ready with Aladdin's Hookah Lounge and Restaurant.

Aladdin's will be serving Amer- open? ican and Mediterranean cuisine and flavored tobacco in handmade hookahs for customers who are 18 and

The restaurant's opening has been anticipated by students since the beginning of the fall semester, and their anticipation has only grown as the date draws near.

New, colorful signs are dis-

played on the outside of the former ready when we open," Abe said. P.J.'s Coffee location and some of the elaborate décor of the interior cess of cleaning up the restaurant rant Abe hoped to use as another can be seen passersby.

All of these new attractions that students can peak at as they pass by on University blvd. leave them wondering one question:

Abe received approval from the state and local fire marshal, as well as completed the final health inspection needed before being given the OK to open

Now, Abe and Akram are putting the final touches to the restaurant to ensure it will open without a problem.

"We want to be 100 percent

He and his son are in the proand setting up its interior to look hookah lounge will instead be decopresentable for customers. The two rated and furnished like the rest of local entrepreneurs hope to open by next Wednesday, Nov. 11.

Not all of Abe's original plans When is this place going to be were able to follow through, however. He will only have one separate section of the restaurant being used rant also follows the Mediterranean as the hookah lounge instead of two as he originally intended.

The lounge is with the taste of Mediterranean culture and even has glamorously decorated benches, handmade by Abe and Akram, which will seat customers around the hookahs

There is also a room attached to

the lounge with tables and chairs.

The other section of the restauthe restaurant, and it will allow the opportunity for the restaurant to offer groups a secluded section to use for special occasions.

The main portion of the restaudécor. This is the largest part of the establishment, and Abe hopes this to be an enjoyable spot to spend time for smokers and non-smokers alike.

ple who don't smoke shy from the the restaurant is the Facebook group, place," Abe said.

nology as well to appeal to a wider

range of customers.

The restaurant's website, www. aladdinshookah.webs.com, is up and running with information about the food, hookah, pictures, opinion polls and directions to the restaurant.

The website also contains information about the owner and his son and some of the work they've put into the restaurant. There's also information that might answer some questions for those curious about what exactly a hookah is.

Another outlet for prospective students and customers to voice "We don't want to make peo- their opinion and learn more about where students have already begun He has reached out with tech- showing their interest and anticipation for Aladdin's opening.

SGA, Maggio look to fix fee dilema

David Royal News Editor

The Student Government Association is working with Student and Business Affairs to finalize a referendum that would in-

crease the number of students paying student fees.

Currently, enrollment at NSU is increasing, but the amount of funding the university is receiving is not reflecting this increase, said Dean of Students Chris Maggio.

Maggio explained that this is because the primary raise in enrollment is coming from online students, and with the university's current policy, these nontraditional students do not have to pay full student fees.

He said, however, the problem lies with students who take both online and face-to-face classes.

These students are not being charged student fees, but still have access to on-campus services, Maggio said.

As a result of the lack of student fees being collected, Maggio explained that many of NSU's accounts are losing money. "It's a tricky situation, but

something must be done," Maggio said. "The university needs to explore the way students are being assessed fees."

Maggio and the SGA have been researching different possibilities and determining which students should be charged full student fees.

When interviewed in September, SGA President Kayla Wingfield explained that the Senate is looking toward writing a referendum that will clearly define which students are considered on-campus students.

Wingfield said the Senate plans to stipulate that if a student takes at least one credit hour on campus or lives within a 60 mile radius of the university's Natchitoches campus, then he or she will be charged student fees. These fees will amount to about \$223, she said.

At last week's SGA meeting, Maggio and the Senate discussed the issue, SGA Vice President Mathew Morrison said.

From the research he has done, Maggio said he has found that most universities charge all students, regardless of where they take their classes, a standard student fee.

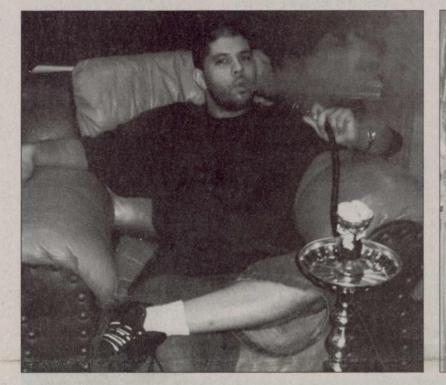
Morrison said that for the most part the Senate appeared to be in favor of writing the referendum.

"There was a general consensus among the senators that the university needs more funding, and this is the best way to provide it," Morrison

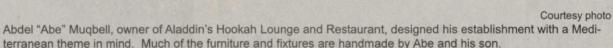
The only issue some senators had concerned whether all online students will be assessed the fees or just ones who take both online classes and face-to-face classes on the Natchitoches campus, Morrison

Morrison explained that the SGA will continue looking into the issue in the next couple of weeks and will hopefully have the referendum written by the end of the semester. Maggio expressed a similar sen-

timent by saying that both Student Affairs and Business Affairs are still in the researching phase and is not leaning toward any specific plan at the moment.



Courtesy photo Akram Muqbell, who is opening Aladdin's Hookah Lounge and Restaurant with his father "Abe," demonstrates how to smoke hookah.



Journalism department gives online opportunites to soldiers

David Royal

News Editor

The journalism department recently entered into an agreement with the Defense Information School (DINFOS), which will allow soldiers to transfer credit hours to the NSU bachelor's pro-

DINFOS, which is located at Ft. Meade, Md., is a military institution that produces public affairs and visual information personnel for the U.S. Department of Defense. Because the experience students

at DINFOS receives is valuable and closely relates to the curriculum required for NSU journalism program, Department Head Paula Furr said it only makes sense that they offer DINFOS students the opportunity to receive a degree at NSU.

According to the Memorandum of Understanding that was signed by both parties on Monday, the journalism department will "award credit for military experiences and service schools in accordance wit the recommendations by the American Council on Education."

Furr said she believes both NSU and DINFOS are entering into a win-win situation.

"Our online program is and has been geared toward the nontradisionals," Furr said.

Qualified soldiers will now get from NSU next spring.

the chance to receive a Bachelor's degree in journalism through the department's online program more easily, and the department is able to expand its horizons, she said.

"It's an honor to be associated with such a fine institution as DIN-FOS, and NSU is proud that it can support service members seeking to further their education while remaining on active duty," Furr said.

She explained that it is not the department's intentions to pull soldiers away from their military careers in order to pursue a degree at NSU, but instead to allow them to still maintain their active duty status while obtaining a journalism degree

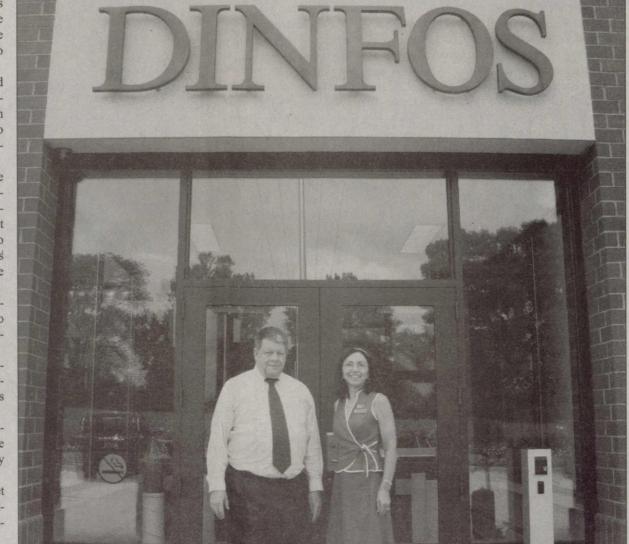
Furr worked closely with DIN-FOS Provost Michael Gannon to develop the Memorandum of Under-

She said she first contacted Gannon last spring and traveled to DIN-FOS in August to work out details concerning the agreement.

Furr said the journalism department will continue to open more doors for those seeking a degree by means of the Internet.

"We have a tremendous target audience with nontraditional students that we're going to seek to assist in the future," Furr said.

Furr said she hopes to have the tional student and working profes- first students from DINFOS transfer their credits and pursue a degree



Journalism Department Head Paula Furr worked closely with Michael Gannon, the provost of the Defense Informations School, to arrange a deal that will allow soldiers from DINFOS to use their military school experience as credits toward an online Bachelor's degree in journalism.

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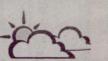
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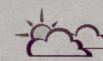


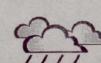


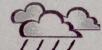














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Communications class strives for safer campus

David Royal News Editor

P or the past 12 years, students in John Foster's Communications 3120 classes have been making a difference on the NSU and Natchitoches community.

The premise of Communications 3120, also known as Group Dynamics, is for the students to work together to identify a problem in the community, develop a plan to solve the problem and do their best to implement their plan by the end of the semester, said Foster, who is an assistant professor of communications.

Students in this semester's Group Dynamics class have made it a goal to make NSU a safer campus.

Precious Barber, the designated speaker of the group, said the group plans to focus on making NSU's crosswalks less hazardous for both pedestrians and drivers.

"We want NSU to be considered as a university of safety," said Barber, who is a junior communications major.

Barber said the group, which is composed of eight students and named SafeWay, agreed that currently the campus's crosswalk system poses too much of a risk.

There are not enough signs clearly stating that drivers should yield to pedestrians and too many students not actually using the crosswalks to travel across the street, Barber said.

SafeWay is putting its emphasis on the crosswalk connecting the Sabine parking lot and Kyser Hall, which the group members feel presents the highest volume of traffic and pedestrians during the day.

"Our vision expanded from that ing to one day establish.



Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce Students attempt to walk across the street from Kyser Hall to the Sabine parking lot. This particular crosswalk Is an

one crosswalk," said Elisha Ibanga, "Everybody wants to another student in Foster's class. up to their classes to fin

Ibanga said the group has developed three potential ideas that could be implemented.

SafeWay is looking into the ef-

fectiveness of possibly installing more traffic lights, rerouting and closing vehicular traffic at certain hours or even having pedestrian overpasses constructed at needed areas.

Ibanga said the group understands that the overpasses would most likely be the least feasible of the three plans, and said he feels that developing a plan that would reroute and close traffic might be most effective in the short-run.

SafeWay's idea to shift and reduce vehicular traffic during the day has interested Robert Crew, executive assistant to the President.

Crew said he has met with Safe-Way to discuss the group's ideas and said they are similar to the ideas that he and other NSU officials are hoping to one day establish.

"Everybody wants to drive right up to their classes to find a parking space and will wait in line for an hour, and that just creates too many problems," Crew said.

Crew said SafeWay's plan to redirect traffic during the idea shows potential and said he hopes to see more walking and bike paths created in correlation to SafeWay's actions.

"I don't know what the class will come up with, but I'm anxious to see what they come up with," Crew said.

In addition to working with NSU officials, Barber said the group has also shared their ideas with State Representative Rick Nowlin.

SafeWay gained valuable advice from Nowlin and learned in particular that the group would benefit more if they developed additional ideas, Barber said.

Barber explained that in order to achieve this, SafeWay's plan is to find out what the student body wants.

SafeWay will be surveying stu-

dents throughout the day on Nov. 10 outside of Kyser Hall and in the lobby in Friedman Student Union.

Then on Nov. 17, the group will be leading a panel discussion in the Cane River Room, in which all students, faculty and community members are welcome to attend.

Barber said the panel will consist of members from Greek life, Army ROTC, the Demon football team, the Student Government Association and more.

The goal of the surveys and panel discussion is to compare ideas with the student body and develop the best idea possible, Barber said.

Once their final plan is developed and agreed on, Barber said the group will then present their idea at the end of the semester to NSU President Randall Webb and Dean of Students Chris Maggio.

If they are able to gain their support, Barber said SafeWay will then present their argument and solution to the SGA in the hopes to have a bill passed that will fulfill the group's vision.

"The ultimate goal would be to have the SGA pass a bill that would fund our idea without the students being taxed," Barber said.

Foster said that in the past, almost all of his classes have been at least somewhat successful.

He explained that in most cases, the groups develop great ideas and solutions to problems, but the plans are not necessarily carried out because of conflicts with time and funding.

"It's not that the ideas aren't good or the planning isn't there," Foster said. "The problem lies with higher officials not being capable of following through."

Foster added, however, he has seen groups develop ideas that are adopted and used by the community.

In one of Foster's classes, the group decided there was a need for a St. Patrick's Day celebration in Natchitoches. After completing their project, the City of Natchitoches was so impressed that the officials implemented the group's plans and has had a St. Patrick's Day celebration for the past two years.

Foster said he believes SafeWay could have similar success.

"I think you'll see a change and I think you'll see it soon," Foster said.

Even if their plan is not accepted by NSU officials, however, Ibanga said he thinks the work SafeWay has put in will not be in vain.

"I think by bringing focus to a traffic issue on campus, we will in turn get students to look at additional issues at NSU, whether it be concerning safety of students at night or keeping safe during inclement weather conditions," Ibanga said.

H1N1 influenza vaccinations arrive

David Royal
News Editor

SU Health Services has received its first shipment of the H1N1 influenza vaccination and will begin administering it to those at high risk of the virus, Director Stephanie Campbell said.

The State of Louisiana delivered 200 doses of the vaccination Oct. 29, and NSU Health Services will be giving it to those in that qualify in the community on Nov. 10 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at its clinic on campus.

It will be administered on a first come, first serve basis, Campbell said.

Those that can receive the vaccination are health care workers, pregnant women and anyone caring for or living with infants under the age of six months.

There will be no cost for the vaccination and anyone in the community may receive it if they meet the standards of being at high risk.

Anyone wishing to receive the vaccination must present a photo id.
Campbell explained the process

will take approximately 30 minutes, and those who receive the vaccination could experience soreness in their arm and slight swelling at the injection sight.

Campbell added that the clinic will not give the vaccination to anyone who is already sick when they arrive or to anyone who has an allergy to eggs.

"It is the Center for Disease Control's standard that when your body is already fighting an illness, we cannot administer a vaccination because it will produce additional complications," Campbell said.

NSU Health Services is preparing to receive a second, larger shipment of vaccinations, which will be made available to everyone – not just those at high risk.

As of yesterday, Campbell said she had not been informed of when the second shipment will be arriving.

Campbell said she encourages students to check the electronic marquee located outside of Friedman Student Union throughout the next couple of weeks to find out more information concerning the vaccinations as it becomes available.





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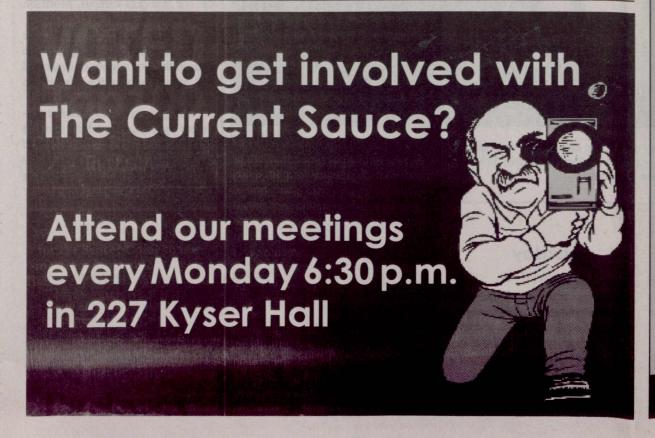
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Photo by: Casey Reynolds/Current Sauce Ashley Nielsen, Gary Nolley, Bruce Turner, Brooke Nielsen and Logan Wallace all working together to plant trees infront of the Phi Mu Fraternity House on Jefferson Street located on campus.

Recent tree donation enhances landscape

Casey Reynolds Sauce Reporter

rothers John and Sidney Evans recently made a donation totaling around 800 plants and various landscape supplies to enhance the appearance of NSU's

NSU received the donation the same week it was named a Tree Campus USA University by the Arbor Day Foundation.

NSU is the first college or uni-

versity in Louisiana to be named a Tree Campus University.

One requirement of the Arbor Day foundation is that the university plants a certain number of trees each

This donation allowed for NSU to exceed the requirements for this

Gary Nolley, one of the leaders of the NSU grounds crew said, "This is making my wishes come true."

able to do this without the help of trees," he said.

the Evans brothers."

Future NSU students and alumni will get to see a Cyprus tree grove when they enter through the Tarlton Drive entrance.

The Cyprus series will continue by the river bank. The grounds crew planted 40 oak trees along Tarlton Drive last Friday.

The final total oaks in that area will be about 75."We are trying to provide NSU a unique setting and an interesting layout, not just a square

Nolley's goal is to have all of the donated plants in the ground by March of 2010. The crew is working with the physical plant to overcome obstacles, like NSU's underground

"Everything has to be carefully coordinated," said Nolley.

The crew has also begun planting around organizational row. They planted trees by the Phi Mu and BCM houses. They will continue planting going west on organization

The NSU grounds crew will also enhance a project they began

They planted pine trees along the west side of Sam Sibley and planted green ash maples and elms around the print shop.

They plan to plant oaks trees in some areas and fill in various areas of need with irises.

Director of Custodial Services and Coordinator of Emergency Services Chris Sampite said that the NSU grounds crew never cuts down a tree unless it is harmful to students or the university.

They work to enhance the landscape and want to make NSU a more appealing campus for visitors and students.

"We understand the impor-"We would have never been tance of maintaining and preserving

Surviving the epidemic: 'Thinking pink' could save life

Tori Ladd Life Editor

> hink pink, think safe, think survival.

No time, place, age or race is more prone than another when cancer claims a life. The body does not have to be matured or aged for breast cancer to declare a woman's body.

The fight against breast cancer continues every moment of every-

The United States Cancer Statistics: 1999-2005 Incidence and Mortality Web-based Report records that 186,467 women were diagnosed with breast cancer in 2005 and 41,116 died from breast cancer.

Among women, breast cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States.

Although the statistics of breast cancer is high, the numbers of deaths are waning as science and technology continue to make breakthroughs to discover breast cancer in prema-

With the early detection of breast cancer, the better the chances of beating it, increasing the survival rate up to 96 percent.

However, the earlier the prognosis and the start of treatment for breast cancer; the patient survival rate is increased.

Breast cancer in women under 40, is difficult to identify because their breast tissue is denser than that of older women.

To detect breast cancer, your doctor may perform tests used for screening, diagnosis and monitoring

including mammograms - an x-ray examination of the breast - ultrasounds, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CAT) scans or positron emission tomography (PET) scans.

According to MayoClinic.com, the most common types of breast

Ductal Carcinoma In Situ (DCIS) has abnormal cells that cer include: have multiplied and formed a growth within a milk duct in the breast. DCIS is an early form of breast cancer that has not spread out of the milk duct to invade other parts of the breast,

Invasive Ductal Carcinoma (IDC) the cancer cells from in the lining of the milk duct then break through the ductal wall and invade nearby breast tissue. The cancer cells may remain contained, or spread throughout the body, carried by the bloodstream or lymphatic system,

Invasive Lobular Carcinoma (ILC) starts in the milk-producing lobules and then breaks through into the surrounding breast tissue. ILC can also spread to more distant parts of your body,

Inflammatory Breast Cancer is a rare and aggressive type of breast cancer. It develops rapidly, making the affected breast red, swollen and tender, and can easily be confused with having a breast infection.

back after you have been treated. It may recur in the breast or in the soft tissue of the chest, or tact your health care provider.

in another part of your body.

Breast cancer symptoms differ extensively, while other types of breast cancers have no noticeable symptoms at all.

In most women, their first realization of breast cancer is the discovery of anything from lumps to skin changes of the breast.

Other symptoms of breast can-

A breast lump or thickening that feels different from the surrounding tissue,

Bloody discharge from the nipple or change in the size or shape of a breast,

Changes to the skin over the breast, such as dimpling,

Inverted nipple,

Peeling or flaking of the nipple

Redness or pitting of the skin over the breast, like the skin of an orange.

As a precaution, every month women should conduct a self-breast examination, and if there is any indication of a change in the breast, your doctor should be contacted. At age 40 or older, the United

Force encourages women to start receiving mammograms every one to The American Cancer Society also recommended that women 20

States Preventive Services Task

breast self-examinations monthly. Breast self-examinations are Recurrent Breast Cancer comes most effective the first day after a woman's menstrual cycle.

years-old or older should perform

For more information or, con-



Be Frank: taking something extra Don't matter:

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

am notorious for doing stupid stuff. It isn't always

that I don't think all my actions through, but rather

I choose to put more faith in things and people than I should.

Halloween is not typically my favorite holiday. Sadly it has lost its luster since my childhood days of dressing up and taking a pillowcase around town.

But after a ridiculously long weekend of working and editing, a girlfriend wanted to go out and have

So we picked up a couple of cheap masks at Walmart and headed toward the pub.

The evening turned out to be a good fun—drinks with friends while wearing silly masks is never a bad

But afterward, on our way out

Cute boys-always the best kind. They had made the mistake of coming out to the pub with the idea of taking a taxicab home.

For those unaware, there are no taxis in Natchitoches. In fact, there is no form of public transportation.

Luckily my girlfriend is just as tem naive as I am and decided to take them home.

But all my guy friends who heard about it (and especially those who were with us) were completely irate about the entire ordeal.

We live in a society where it is no longer safe to take a stranger

My friend and I were fine. Everyone got to his or her respectable homes without a scratch or inappropriate comment or gesture.

And then on the way to my apartment, my friend looks at me and says, "Perhaps that wasn't the

should. Everyone is at fault.

I do it every semester. I have money to put gas in his car.

the door, we met some Canadians. this ridiculous thought that because I survived the semester previous then it is perfectly acceptable to pile up more to my workload the following

> But eventually you break. Eventually something happens

Once upon a time ago it was OK and encouraged to pick up a stranger, but now you need to worry about whether or not he is a mass murder, general creeper, rapist or whatever

Not that long ago, you could give a stranger a few bucks to get some food and not be concerned with the idea of him getting some-

It is so incredibly hard to be a nice person in this world because it seems like the majority of people just want to take advantage of your kindheartedness.

A friend told me a tale this sum-People take more than they mer of how he was at the laundry mat and a fellow asked him for some

My friend responded with something about how all he had was his bag of quarters, but he would gladly accompany the stranger to his car and put some gas in it. The stranger refused and walked away.

Then a different fellow came up that abuses or exasperates the sys- to my friend asking him if he could put gas in his car.

The world is hard enough as it is without having to worry about when it is OK to be a nice person.

It is horrible that people need to be afraid to ask for a ride, ask for directions, ask for a couple bucks for gas on a bad day.

It is even worse when other folks take advantage of people's overall desire to be a good person.

Perhaps on Halloween my friend and I had a few guardian angels ensuring we stayed safe. Perhaps some of the ghosts from the cemetery tour followed us to the pub because we that enchanted and then ensured those guys stayed an armslength away.

Or perhaps we were just luckya little stupid, but lucky.

'Black or white'

Amanda Duncil Guest Columnist

t is a shame when somewho one, goes through the process to gain legal authority to perform marriag-

es outside of the church, refuses to marry a couple based on race.

If the law has no qualms about a couple getting married, neither should the man who is licensed to marry them.

Civilization has a quirky tendency to place a great number of restrictions on relationships as to what makes a partnership socially acceptable. Religion, gender and race are still limiting factors that inhibit people from forming potentially wonderful relationships.

Whether a relationship is socially acceptable has no significance on who you fall in love with or who you are attracted to, but it can cause complications with family, etc. When a couple decides to look past the social stigmas in order to pursue their lives together, they shouldn't be met with opposition from someone who rude. But they're also ignorant. can make their happiness a reality.

Keith Bardwell, a justice of the peace in Tangipahoa Parish, decided it was within his power to tell a couple they didn't meet his non-interracial standard and refused to marry them.

In his defense, Bardwell argued, "I'm not a racist. I just don't believe in mixing the races that way."

Apparently, he hasn't yet figured out why only marrying people within their race is a racist act. He said his reason for not performing "We all live with the objective of bethe marriage was because it would ing happy; our lives are all different harm any children the couple might

married to have children. On the flip the same. We should let people live side, not all married couples choose their lives without oppression. When to have children. Regardless of if it comes to love between humans, what Bardwell has to say, that cou-there should be no limitations.

ple will still be together.

To add insult to injury, Bardwell also added that, in his opinion, interracial couples didn't last long. Unfortunately, he didn't include why he thinks this way, which means he is assuming a stereotype.

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The fight for equality has been going on indefinitely, and it doesn't seem to be coming any closer to an end. Many bloggers refer to Bardwell as being "stuck in the 50s," but the sad reality is that he represents a large group of people who still have problems with interracial

The case of Loving v. Virginia in 1967 set the record straight and deemed it unconstitutional to refuse marriage licenses to interracial couples. I suppose Bardwell didn't get

Whatever the reason for the opposition, it is ridiculous that people should place limits on happiness because of skin color or ethnicity. It's not a pleasant feeling to walk down the street with your significant other and receive stares or rude comments because they are of a different eth-

And people do stare. They are

As for interracial relationships not lasting as long, Bardwell obviously hasn't seen the statistics concerning divorce recently. Maybe it would change his mind to see that divorce rates are actually higher in same race couples as opposed to interracial ones. Even more outstanding: the main aspects that factored into divorce were age, religion and

So why the big fuss over race? In her diary, Anne Frank wrote, and yet the same."

We're programmed to aspire to Too bad you don't need to be happiness, and in that sense we are

Would you like fries with that?

Paul Randall Adams Guest Columnist

ou stand in an impossibly long line, waiting, calculating, choosing your order.

You get to

the register, impatience written on your face as you place your order. It's your lunch break, and you're already running

You state your order, and with all the disdain in the world, the cashier asks: "Would you like fries with that?"

It's a question we're asked all the time. Or whether we would like a drink. Would we like to make that a combo or upgrade to a large for 33 cents more?

But has anybody ever asked

asked in anything but an angry, disinterested tone?

Daily people complain about the types of job that they are stuck in. They can't handle their hours; their boss is a jerk. The pay is poor, or the customers are rude. The complaints are endless.

There are entire websites devoted to telling the world how awful jobs are. Jobvent is a website that allows people to complain about their jobs freely and in complete anonym- son.

One can log on and see com- offers all that be? plaints about job security, managediscuss every issue they've ever had job. with their job.

people who are miserable at their places of business. They can't wait to quit Blockbuster; they're counting

with enthusiasm? Has it ever been down the days until they can leave the Golden Arches behind them. They're ready to dethrone the Burg-

But are their jobs really that

They get a steady paycheck. They get to continue to pay bills and keep important things in life, such as Internet and cell phones. They have money to go out with friends or have a few drinks.

Whatever they want, within rea-

How truly bad can a place that

There are loads of people out ment, customers, location and a there who are fighting, vying for variety of different complaints. The even the lowest paying jobs they can members of the website feel free to find, simply because they'd like a

There are people who are daily The world is overloaded with seeking employment, only wishing to be accepted so that they can pay their bills, support their families.

be employed, upset that they are being paid unemployment when they would truly like to work.

And yet, those people - those hard-working individuals that are praying for just one job offer - are being booted out of the work force by those who take their jobs for

Sometimes a boss truly deserves to be complained about.

And let's face it, sometimes a customer will actually throw things at you - I know from experience.

And there will be the occasion that you will have to mop a bathroom, take out the trash, alphabetize some files, train somebody who will be your manager, and a load of other seemingly pointless and altogether exhausting tasks.

But then again, you could just as easily be one of the millions who cannot secure a job.

Sometimes, it truly is better not People are constantly praying to to look a gift horse in the mouth.

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Opinionated Spirits: drink on the rocks

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

ultiplea y bingers can leave one exhausted and with a severe hangover. This type of



drinking may be deemed acceptable for certain occasions, but it should not be used as the sole method of consumption for drinkers.

It's not that one should refrain from drinking every day. Drinking on a daily basis can be relaxing and even productive.

"When you work hard all day with your head and know you must work again the next day, what else can change your ideas and make them run on a different plane like whisky?" Ernest Hemmingway said.

Drinkers must find their own level of moderation when drinking. It might be one or two glasses of wine a night, maybe a six pack after a hard day's work, or even a fifth of whiskey a day.

As you can see I am not talking about the few beers over the course of a week that temperance organizafind his own Zen of drinking moderation that will fit his lifestyle.

I was recently reading a story about a philosophy professor who began his class one day by filling a jar with small rocks, around two inches in diameter.

When he asked the class if the jar was full, they said yes.

The professor then poured small pebbles into the jar which filled up the space left between some of the rocks. He asked his class again if the jar was full and again they agreed.

Finally, he poured sand into the not filled by the rocks and pebbles.

The professor asked the same question to his students who responded with the same affirmative answer as before.

Then, when the students thought there was nothing else he could possibly fit into the jar, the professor poured a can of beer into it.

The liquid effectively filled every space left in the jar. The students The professor then began to ex-

plain the meaning behind his seemingly humorous demonstration. "I want you to recognize that

tions might suggest. A drinker must this jar represents your life," he said.

a representation of the important things in one's life. For example: family, spouses, health, children the things that would still make your life seem full if you lost everything

things that matter, like your job, your house and your car," the pro-

The sand represents all of the other insignificant things in life. "The small stuff," he said.

"If you put the sand into the jar to fill in all of the remaining space jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the rocks. The same goes for your life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have ics have is that they believe drinking room for the things that are impor-

The professor explained how important it is to take care of the most important things in life first before you try to take care of the smaller, insignificant things.

If you worry about the small things first and fill your jar up with sand, then you will have no room for the important things that are the

"Take care of the rocks first, the He explained that the rocks are things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand," he

After his brief lecture a student raised his hand to ask what the beer represented in the jar. The professor smiled and re-

"The pebbles are the other sponded, "It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of beers." Drinkers must be able to take

care of the "rocks" in their lives before anything else. Drinking, like any other wonderful commodity in life, can be a part of one's life, but it should not be the only substance that fills a drinker's jar.

The problem that some alcoholis life instead of seeing it as a wonderful part of life.

It becomes a problem when there is no room left in the jar for those important things in life. By all means, drink daily and

the rocks.

drink plenty. Go all out and drink in excess when the occasion calls for it stance on the planet. or even when it doesn't. Just be sure that no matter what drink you choose you leave room for

Hunting Season Joe Cunningham

Half the Battle:

r t's my favorite hunting season right now. McRib season at McDonald's? You bet your bottom dollar I'll be

Editor in Chief

I'm not proud of this addiction. Not by any stretch, my friends. It's painful. I eat this sandwich sent to us from the Almighty Himself, and 15

minutes later I regret my conception. It's regional, too. The McRib is only offered in places where spending \$10,000 in the month on dangerous, fast food barbecue is acceptable. It's not offered in, say, Philadelphia.

You see, I think the cheese steak moguls of Philly all came together and said something along the lines of "McRib? What the hell is that? What's it made from? It doesn't matter; we don't want anything more addictive than crack sold in Philly! We

own this town!" So, Philadelphia said, "No thanks," to the most addictive sub-

I don't know what the McRib is made of. I've never tasted that kind of meat in my life, and I've eaten elk and raccoon.

Whatever it is, though, I hope that animal never goes extinct.

Maybe that's it. Maybe that's why the McRib comes around only once a year. Maybe there's some rare animal the McDonald's company has in it's own laboratories that they have to clone and breed in order to get enough meat for the next year.

Genius!

The fast food chain also got done with my other favorite time of year: Monopoly season. I don't ever expect to win, but I like winning 50 small drinks in a one-month span.

Good God, Monopoly (the board game, not the McDonald's version) is addicting. I'm playing it online right now, so you're actually reading this column about two hours

after I finished it. My God, that little car is awesome to ride around in. My fiancée never plays as the iron or the thimble, and I don't have a potential sexist punch line, so on to the next joke.

Playing Monopoly should be a psychiatric test for temperament. Do you want to know just how angry your children are? Then it's time for family game night. While you're at it, grab a few McRibs for the kids.

That way they'll feel too bad to kill each other when Boardwalk and Park Place bankrupt someone.

Lady Demons soccer left NSU adds five to

Robert Weeks Sauce Reporter

he Lady Demons' post-season opportunity came to an end Sunday, despite having won 1-0 over Sam Houston.

McNeese clinched the final spot in the tournament by defeating Nichols 1-0 with one conference game remaining against Southeastern.

Melodie Johnston scored the game winner in the 74th minute, receiving an assist from Marrissa

The Demons also recorded their 10th shutout of the season as Strahan recorded six saves on the day playing the full 90 minutes.

"We played a little frustrated in the first half trying to find space on the field," 11th-year head coach Jimmy Mitchell said. "We settled down in the second half and made some adjustments to create chances, and Melodie took advantage."

NSU finishes off the season with a record of 11-9, 4-5 in conference, finishing seventh.

The Lady Demons are losing seven seniors after this season, but have a great group of young players eager to make their mark starting

"We are proud of our seniors and we are sorry to be losing them," Mitchell said. "I know our younger players will step up and fill a big void and we are looking forward to that. We will continue to work, trying to improve to have a better turnout."

Even with NSU not entering post-season play, the Lady Demon Soccer Complex will play host to the Southland Conference tournament Thursday, Friday (games starting at 4:30 p.m. and 7 p.m.) and the championship match on Sunday at 1 p.m.

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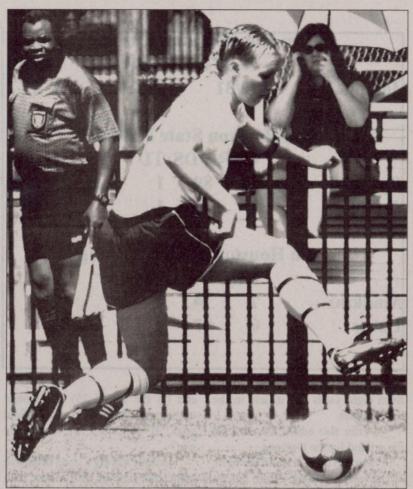
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Athletic Director Greg Burke



Rachael O'Steen moving the ball down the field in the Lady Demons' 1-0 victory over Sam Houston State.

a boost to the local economy, as over 1,000 people will be visiting Natchitoches over a five-day span.

"NSU Athletics has an important role to fill in providing entertainment and attractions in our community and area. We have the opportunity to help boost the local and regional economy by hosting more and more events," he said.

throughout the year from many local sibility to provide every opportunity the home page.

sees this as an opportunity to provide to bring visitors to Natchitoches,"

The first four games of the tournament will be broadcasted free of charge via the Southland Conference

The championship match will be televised on the Southland Conference Television network.

For more information on the Southland Conference tournament "We receive great support please visit www.nsudemons.com and click on the SLC Championbusinesses and feel it's our respon- ships icon on the upper right hand of

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on outside looking in All-SLC soccer roster

Courtesy of Sports Info:

ive Northwestern State soccer players including seniors Chelsea Brozgold and Chelsey Gibbs garnered postseason honors Tuesday on the 2009 All-Southland Conference team.

The Lady Demons (11-9 overall, 4-5 and tied for sixth in the SLC) finished their season last weekend with a 1-0 win at Sam Houston State.

Brozgold and Gibbs were voted to the All-Southland Conference second team while teammates Lindy Strahan, Sarah Sadler and Rachel O'Steen received honorable mention

The conference office announced the honors Tuesday after sports information directors and the eague's head coaches voted on the postseason awards.

Brozgold, a senior defender from Arlington, Texas, wrapped up her career as a Lady Demon with back-to-back second team honors after receiving the same honor her

She started all 20 games for pell, Texas, native.

NSU, playing 1,688 minutes, second only to Strahan. Brozgold helped the Lady Demons post 10 shutouts in their 11 wins.

Gibbs earned the honor after leading the Lady Demons in goals (9), points (20), shots (56), shots on goal (29), and game-winning goals

The San Antonio native started every game this season for the Lady Demons, helping the Lady Demons outscore their opponents 36-21.

Gibbs' nine goals ranks tied for third in the Southland Conference.

Sophomore midfielder Rachel O'Steen received honorable mention for the second time after leading the team in assists with nine.

Her nine assists ranks her tied for second in the SLC, just one behind Southeastern Louisiana's Natalie Santana.

Junior forward Sarah Sadler scored four goals during the 2009 campaign to go along with one assist for nine points.

She attempted 27 shots, seven of which were on goal for the Cop-

Senior goalkeeper Lindy Strahan gleaned honorable mention after earning 2008 All-SLC honors.

The Georgetown, Texas, native led the team in minutes with 1,725, starting all 20 games for the ladies in purple and white.

Strahan collected 89 saves on 236 shots faced, posting a 1.04 goalper-game average.

In the 11 wins for NSU, she allowed no goals with seven shutouts.

Texas State head coach Kat Conner and forward Brittney Curry were named Conference Coach of the Year and Player of the Year, respectively.

The Bobcats finished their second straight season undefeated in conference play.

Stephen F. Austin's Kylie Louw earned Freshman of the Year hon-

While, teammate Jordan King garnered Newcomer of the Year on their way to help the Ladyjacks to the No. 3 seed in the Southland Conference Tournament.

Which begins Thursday at 4:30 at the Lady Demon Soccer Complex.

Dynomite: Then there were two

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter



football season behind us, two teams remain scathed.

Though they have had some tough games, the New Orleans

still unbeaten in the NFL It's not a surprise that the Colts have an impressive record despite the change in the coaching person-

The Colts are currently on a 16 game winning streak and from the

The Colts have the Texans at which version of the Texans show up, it will be a cakewalk for the

regular season games

On offense, every key player ers all psychos.

from the Super Bowl winning team is there minus Marvin Harrison.

This also goes for the defensive side of the ball. Everyone is back except for Jason David, which is a bonus for the Colts. For the reasons mentioned, I'm not going to give much insight as to why the Colts are good because it's obvious.

On to the second unbeaten team, and all I have to say is: "Who dat, Who dat, Who dat said they gon' beat them Saints?"

Well, seven teams have said Saints and the Indianapolis Colts are they were going to beat them but weren't able to do the deed.

That's because, and this may come to a surprise to everyone that is not apart of the Who Dat nation, but this is a different team than any

I know that people may think looks of it, they will be one of four that the old Saints will come back teams to ever win 17 consecutive and they will begin to show that the winning was temporary.

It's different this time around. home next week and depending on Everyone has gotten better over the past two years and the addition the Saints some trouble, but the game of defensive coordinator Greg Williams has made the defensive play-

The Saints are currently ranked 15 in total defense. The secondary has always been a touchy issue for the team, but now that's not a prob-

The Saints lead the league in interceptions with 16.

33-year-old Saints safety Darren Shaper leads the team and is tied in first with seven.

The offensive side of the ball is more than stellar. Jeremy Shockey is healthy, Drew Brees is once again on a record-setting pace, Pierre Thomas is running with an attitude and Reggie Bush is, well he's coming along.

The Saints have all the ingredients to extend their win streak next

Actually, I don't see them losing in the near future.

Their next three games are against the Panthers, the Rams and

All three are NFC teams that are

under .500 The Panthers can possibly give is being played in the Super Dome and that is one place the Saints will

not lose.





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Demons football gets more tricks than treats

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

espite a record-tying game from quarterback Paul Harris, the NSU Demons Football team found more tricks than treats in the 34-30 loss to Sam Houston State on Halloween night.

Paul Harris made a bunch of big plays on his way to tying the school record for passing touchdowns in a game with four.

The plays that he won't soon forget are his only two mistakes of the night.

On 3rd and 11 he was fighting for first down yardage and fumbled the ball on the Sam Houston 35yard line with 3:19 remaining in the

Then with 1:30 left in the game, he threw his only interception of the game, sealing the game for the Bearkats.

"Bless his heart, Paul made a fantastic play to fight for that first down, and just got hit from behind and had it knocked loose. That was a huge play, losing the ball there going in to score," Head Coach Bradley Dale Peveto said.

Harris finished the game with 407 of the Demons 435 total yards in 88 yards and a score.

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the game.

yards passing and four touchdowns with only one interception.

He also led the team in rushing with 22 carries for 144 yards.

The 435 yards of total offense is a season high for the Demons.

Wide receiver Adrian Reese led all receivers with three catches for

Harris was 13 of 31 with 263 yards toward the end of the first

Tight end Justin Aldredge also had a big game receiving. Aldredge had three catches for 66 yards and two touchdowns.

The two scores were from 20 and 32 yards out.

Running back William Griffin had the other receiving touchdown

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Sam Houston State Passing

The touchdown was from 19 from eight yards out in late in the end (at the SHSU 25) and wound third quarter.

the ground for the Demons.

"Our guys left it all on the field. We gave an awesome effort, but we didn't do a good enough job on both sides of the ball," Peveto said. "We had a chance to go up two scores in the middle of the fourth quarter and didn't convert, stalled out in their

up having a bad snap foul up a field Griffin also added 24 yards on goal. If we get up two scores, we

> Despite having a good offensive game, the defense had a less than stellar game.

The "Purple Swarm" defense gave up 520 total yards to Sam

The Bearkats quarterback Blake

Joseph torched the Demons through the air.

Joseph was 20-31 with 332 passing yards and two touchdowns. Joseph also had 71 yards on the ground and a score.

The rushing touchdown came on a 65-yard rushing touchdown.

"This was a team loss. When the defense would get a stop late, the offense didn't answer," Peveto said. "And when the offense put points on the board, the defense didn't stop

If we could have put two scores back to back, again, we win the game. Sam Houston has a tremendous quarterback, a big-time receiver and they made the plays to win."

This loss moves the Demons' record to 0-8 overall and 0-4 in the Southland Conference.

NSU now looks forward for the Southeastern Lions to travel from Hammond, La. to the unfriendly confines of Turpin Stadium this Sat-

Kickoff is set for 2 p.m.

Also, this game is set to be an orange out.

That means that everyone that comes to the game needs to wear an orange shirt to help support the foot-

Bs'in With the Bull: Its Getting Better

Andy Bullard Sports Editor



always a special time of

old person I can

dress up and go beg for candy, along with the other 75-gazillion kids that are doing the same thing.

Now usually the week before Halloween, I like to go somewhere and test out my costume for the next week of parties, just to make sure that it fits and all that jazz.

Well, apparently I'm not the only one that does that.

It seems to me that the NSU Dething.

And this year they decided to dress up as an actual decent football

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They even gave their costume a little test drive against Texas State only losing 20-17. They then showed that the cos-

tume they chose was ready for Halloween as they only lost to Sam Houston, 34-30. These past two games the De-

year as a 22-year lowered my head in shame. They played really well in both

games. I'll even go as far to say they should have won both games. This is very exciting to me, because I honestly want the football

team to do well. Also, I feel like this new costume the football team has put on is

one that will be on for a while. Now, this doesn't mean I think the football team is going to win out and dominate everyone for the rest mons football team does the same of the season, but I do feel we will play better than we have and finally

get our first win on the board. The main reason I feel the team

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LOUISIANA COLLEGE (EXHIB.)

ARKANSAS-MONTICELLO

EAST TEXAS BAPTIST (DH)

is playing better is because of Paul

This kid has been HUGE in both games he has started, and might I mention he is just a freshman.

In his two games he has gone 23-47 for 380 yards passing and four He also has 44 carries for 262

only time of mons have played, and I haven't rushing yards and one touchdown. Those are Tebow-ish numbers. Just watching the offense on the

> field behind Harris, they look like a completely different team. They have more energy and

seem to be able to move the ball bet-Just to put it simply, with Harris

in as quarterback I now feel that the team has a chance to win. That's really all we ask for as

fans, just the chance.

Just the chance that we might come out victorious with Harris as quarterback, we have that glimmer of hope, and at this point in time we will take all the hope we can get.

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Tough volleyball season gets tougher

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

he Lady Demons were looking to grab its second Southland Conference game this Friday and Saturday against Nicholls State and South-

victory will have to wait.

fell to the Lady Colonels of Nicholls State in straight sets 25-22, 25-21 and 25-22.

only managed a .096 hitting percent- 25-27 and 15-4. age, despite the fact the Yelena En-

Megan Manning led NSU in kills with 10. digs with 15, while Megan Dockery had 32 assists- a team high.

This loss moves NSU three and a half games behind Nicholls for the coveted eighth spot in the SLC postseason tournament. After the game in Thibodaux,

However, NSU's second SLC the Lady Demons traveled to Hammond to take on the Southeastern On Friday, the Lady Demons Louisiana Lady Lions and the outcome wasn't much different.

NSU was able to push it to five sets before losing three sets to two In the match, the Lady Demons by the scores of 23-25, 25-20, 25-16,

Enwere, like she has done for were and Laranda Spann had good most of the season, led the team in

Spann also added double-digit

Zanny Castillo led the team in digs with 23, while Megan Dockery and Megan Manning both had 11. Dockery also added a team high 23

These two losses lowers the Lady Demons record to 2-18 overall and 1-11 in the SLC.

If the Lady Demons hope to make their way into the postseason tournament, they are going to have to pull out some victories as they go on a four game home stand.

They start with Stephen F. Austin tomorrow night at Prather Coli-

They then play host to McNeese

XC NCAA Regional Championships at Waco, TX hitting nights with 12 and 11 kills kills with 13. State on Saturday. FB Nicholls * at Thibodaux VB SAM HOUSTON STATE * PRATHER COLISEUM CURRENTSAUCE W BKB Southern at Baton Rouge M BKB Texas Tech at Lubbock, TX W BKB LOUISIANA-MONROE PRATHER COLISEUM

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College Democrats create health care awareness

David Royal News Editor

Tori Ladd Life Editor

bout 50 NSU students and faculty attended the Health Care Action Meeting, which was held yesterday by the College Democrats.

The purpose of the meeting was to gain support for and inform others about the President Barack Obama's proposed health care reform, said Mathew Morrison, the president of College Democrats.

Morrison said he believed the organization achieved that goal.

"I'm very pleased with the turnout and happy with the interaction of the crowd," Morrison said.

Held in Morrison Hall, the informational featured two speakers associated with the non-profit organizations Change That Works and Organize for America.

Dana Peterson, from Change That Works, spoke first and explained the purpose of his group is to help and organize people who support Obama's mission - and in this case, the president's health care plan.

Peterson said it is important for the supporters of the president to remember that the election of Obama was "just an opportunity for change" and is only the beginning.

He said the next step is for supporters to assist Obama through their actions.

"It's up to us to motivate others," Peterson said.

are his troops."

He said he felt this is probably the most significant piece of legislaleast a generation.

Therefore, those in favor of the

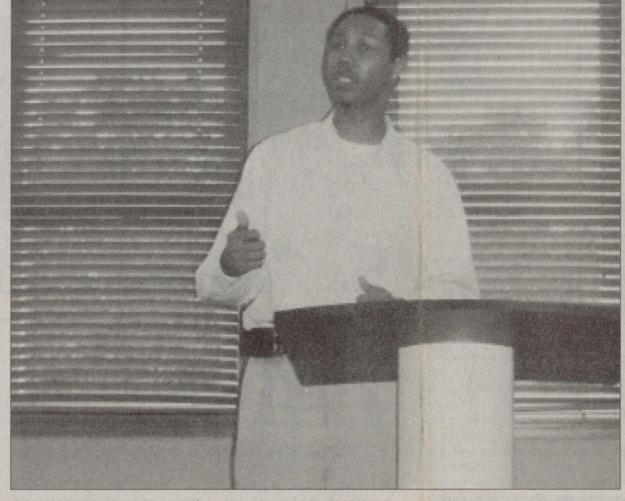


Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce Terence Vinson, an academic advisor at NSU, speaks to the audience present at the Health Care Action Meeting about ways in which they can show their support for President Obama's reform plan.

proposed plan should help by calling their state senator, Peterson said.

Vinson essentially reiterated the the legislation, Vinson said Organize said. words of Peterson.

Vinson, who is associated with chain system. Organize for America and is a NSU "If you are for the president, you academic advisor, said he hopes students do not view the issue in terms tion the nation has dealt with in at think all people deserve the right to form. health coverage.

In order to prove to the Senate –

Democratic Senator Mary Landrieu in particular - that Louisianans have The second speaker, Terence an invested interest in the passing of for America is setting up a phone-

The system will consist of participants calling or text messaging people they know and asking them of whether you are an Obama fan, to contact Landrieu and asking her but instead in terms of whether you to vote "yes" for the health care re-

> Then, those who are contacted and ask questions." will hopefully turn around and con-

tinue the chain with people they know, Vinson explained.

"Now is crunch time," Vinson After they finished speaking,

both Peterson and Vinson welcomed and answered the audience's questions concerning Obama's plan.

"This is not something we want you to support blindly," Vinson said to the audience.

"We want you to read into this

Some of the questions asked re

lated to how the reform plan would affect doctors, the medical field and private insurance companies.

Other students asked how women would be affected by the plan, in terms of abortion rights and birth control options.

Although there were some questions they did not know the exact answer for, Peterson and Vinson answered the questions to the best of their ability.

Whitney Duhon, a freshman psychology major, said she is undecided about whether she supports Obama's plan, and attended the meeting to find out more about it.

"I feel like I should be more involved, but first I should find out more about the subject," Duhon said.

Similar to Duhon reasoning, Shanice Major said she attended because she has not had the time to do proper research on the legislation and wanted to learn more.

"I was looking for a brief synopsis," said Major, a senior liberal

"I just haven't had the opportunity to look into the issue, and I figured this would be a good place to get the main points."

Major added that she was impressed that Peterson and Vinson did not shy away from some of the more negative or controversial issues surrounding the piece of legislation.

Before attending the informational, Major said she was undecided on how she felt about the bill.

After hearing what the speakers had to say, she said she still is not certain on how she feels, but added that she is now leaning more in favor of the plan.

Morrison, president of the College Democrats, said their next big event will be in the spring and consist of a joint community service project with the College Republi-

Landry named director of libraries

Shelita Dalton Staff Reporter

long with new hours of operation and budget cuts, the NSU libraries have undergone other changes.

Abbie Landry has been named the new director of libraries at NSU including the Natchitoches, Shreveport and Leesville campuses.

Landry has been a faculty member in the Watson Library since 1981. She was put into place to fill the position of the late Fleming

Although Landry is satisfied with her new position, she says she would have liked to get it for different reasons.

"I would have much preferred to have gotten this job knowing [Thomas] had gone to a very happy retirement, was still in town where I could pick up the phone or call and ask questions," she said.

"That's the hard part, but on the other hand I know he very much wanted me to be director; he told me a number of times."

Landry said knowing that Thomas wanted her to take his place made the transition easier to deal with.

In order to keep some of the burden off of the shrunken budget, Landry was not required to go through the normal selection pro-

"Doing a national search costs a lot of money, and I'm very grateful that the university administration felt enough confidence in my abilities that they felt like they would just save the money because they believed I would do a good job," Landry said.

Because of her new job as dictor of libraries, Landry has experienced many changes including longer work hours and a busier schedule.

She said that, in the past, she was able to choose which events she attended. However, she now makes every effort to be present at functions that are appropriate for the library to be represented.

Landry says she has plans to make changes to the library. The budget cuts, however, have made it difficult, she said.

"A lot of the things I would have liked to have done are going to have to wait until better budget times," she said.

On the other hand, there are some services the library is currently in the process of implementing, including research consultation.

She says it's not necessarily a new service, however, they are beginning to really push it to the fore-

"A lot of students need more than just coming to the reference desk and a quick 'where do I find' or 'how do I do," she said.

"So, I really want to get the word out to students that they can make appointments with the librarian, and we will sit down with them and go over their research with them."

Landry said even with the changes brought on by budget cuts, students should still be reassured.

students to understand, in spite of everything, the library is here and we're functioning and we're functioning on a very high level, all things considered."

She added, "We really want

Community members march for equality

Joe Cunningham Editor in chief

"We love Natchitoches just like you do." These were the words of Robert

Jackson, Sr., who spoke them to the Natchitoches city council on Mon-Jackson, along with about 75

others, had marched from the First Baptist Church on Amulet St. to the government. Natchitoches Art Center on Second St. for the city council meeting. Their march was in protest to the injustices the people felt had been tigate the council. committed on them.

"We're here to address a lack of diversity in city government," Jackson said.

He also spoke of partiality shown by the city council and the lack of funding spent on west Natchitoches as reasons for the march.

Those gathered carried signs that read, "Enough is enough," "Respect" and "Help our children!" Those not carrying signs were chanting phrases like "We will not stop!" and "No justice, no peace!"

Pat Ward Hoover, an organizer of the event, said that this is only the beginning. "No longer are we going to sit back. We will not stop."

At the council meeting, Jackson spoke in front of the protestors, the

city government and other regular attendees of council meetings. Jackson opened his speech with, "This is a typical example of how democracy works in America."

"We have our own wall," Jackson continued, referring to the anniversary of the tearing down of the Berlin Wall.

He spoke of a community divided and underrepresented in the city

He listed the community's grievances and even suggested that the ethics board be called in to inves-

Among the attendees of the protesting ground were Ernest Johnson, president of the Louisiana NAACP and Tony Brown, an Alexandria radio personality.

After Jackson's speech to the city council, the protest group got up and left the Arts Center, causing some confusion among the city gov-

"We've got problems," said Sylvia Morrow, a city councilwoman. "But they've got to be addressed the

Many were concerned that because the protestors left, the discussion went with them.

One of the biggest issues leading up to the protest was the "Uncle Jack" controversy.



Photo by Bethany Frank/The Current Sauce

These protestors marched from Amulet St. to Second St. to petition their city government for changes. "Uncle Jack," also known as The city of Natchitoches sent was originally located.

the "Good Darky," is one of the first known statues of a black man in the United States.

toches but was moved during the height of the civil rights movement.

a request to LSU to have it moved back, but were denied the transfer.

It originally resided in Natchi- in the Natchitoches community led to be the cornerstone of an Africanpeople to believe the city wanted the American museum we're working statue back on Front Street, where it on," the mayor said.

Mayor Wayne McCullen of

Natchitoches said that was not the However, a miscommunication case at all. "We wanted the statue

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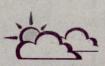
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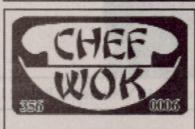






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Ranger Challenge team improves drastically in Benning

Andrew Bordelon Staff Reporter

he camouflaged cadet makes his way up a 30 ft. climb to reach a pole barely wide enough to walk on.

He then dashes across the pole to the other end and climbs onto a rope. He uses the rest of his energy to slide to the middle of the rope to touch a sign displaying his ultimate challenge and motivation, "Ranger."

His sweat soaked hands release the grip on the rope as he plunges into the water below.

The ROTC cadets of NSU over-Ranger Challenge at Fort Benning, Ga., but it was only one of many challenges they faced and accomplished as a team.

Cadets JuJuan Broussard, Joseph Gauthier, Brett Guse, Adam Hanna, Bradley Hubbs, Fulton Johnson, Michael Marks, David Upton, Louis Weldon and Lovell Willis comprised this year's Ranger Challenge team.

After finishing essentially dead last at the competition a year ago, the team made it a specific goal to make a significant improvement to ensure they bring a level of pride to their battalion and university.

Although they were far from finishing first, Master Sgt. Graham, the Demon Battalion's senior military instructor, said the team was successful in achieving their primary

The team finished 27 out of 42 teams and was only about a mere five points away from jumping up another five spots. The team placed higher than much larger programs, including teams from Mississippi

State University and the University of Southern Mississippi, he said.

Graham helped prepare the cadets from the beginning.

"We started training the first day back to school," Graham said.

The team drove all the way to Georgia to compete from Oct. 22 to 26 and was one of the furthest competing teams. Once they arrived, the cadets' first task was a physical fitness test beginning at 4 a.m. Friday. This test involved push-ups, sit-ups and a two mile run. Once they completed the initial PT test, the teams began the competition.

Cadets competed in events came such a challenge at this year's that reflected much of the same areas used in Ranger training, which is an advanced infantry school for the military. It was even the same for Graham who completed Ranger training in 1995.

His experience proved useful in helping train the new team for the competition, and they started building up their physical abilities and leadership from day one. The team was the best of the best of the ROTC program at NSU, Graham said.

"They were representing not just ROTC but the whole university," Graham said. "I'm super proud of them."

Some of the challenges in the competition involved climbing a large and elevated cargo net and ladder, monkey bars over water and climbing under barbed wire through muddy water. The team also showed their marksmanship on the rifle range and demonstrated proper disassembly and assembly of a M-4

A nighttime land navigation course was another challenge that tested both the physical and men-



Cadets Upton, Marks, Hanna, Gauthier and Weldon prepare a casualty evacuation. This is one of the many events that the NSU Demon Battalion's team was tested on at Ranger Challenge.

tal abilities of the cadets since they were performing with little sleep.

"The lack of sleep was killer," Cadet Fulton Johnson said. "It does teach us to think more, rather than work more."

The team was split into three groups of three cadets each. They began the land navigation course at 2 a.m. with only two hours of sleep. The cadets were carrying load bearing equipment, or LBE, a compass and a red lens flashlight, providing minimal light to use for orienteering.

The combined mental and physical stress pushed the team to rely on each other in these challenges.

"You have to push yourself, but at the same time it helps to have someone there to push you," John-

This was a realization and a responsibility of Cadet Lovell Willis, the captain of NSU's Ranger Challenge team.

"We didn't train half as long as most of the other [universities] competing," Willis said.

The team trained five days a week to prepare for the amount of physical exertion required for such challenges. Over the course of the weekend, the team had a total of around 10 hours of sleep.

Willis was able to show leader-

ship by example for one challenge. His plunge into the water proved an achievement over his personal fears.

"I can't swim," Willis said. "But I can't make someone do something I can't do."

The team's final challenge was a six mile march carrying a ruck sack and LBE, totaling around 30 lbs of gear.

Graham said he is excited for next year's competition because almost the entire team will be returning, and they will be setting their standards even higher.

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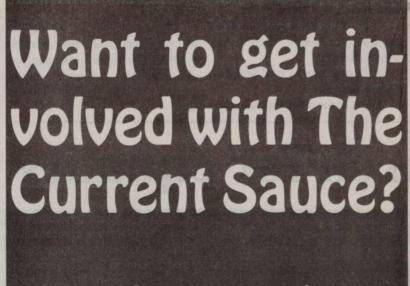
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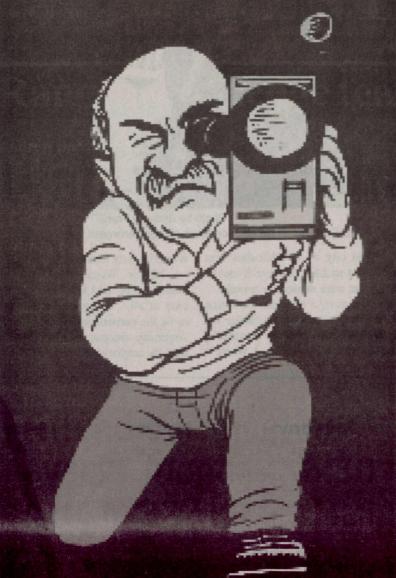
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First official Orange Out:

Demon spirit floods Turpin

Tori Ladd Life Editor

D urple and white the traditional colors of NSU took a back seat this past Saturday for a more vibrant shade of orange.

The NSU Demons fans came out and showed Demon spirit in orange attire to support the football team against Southeastern Louisiana University on Saturday.

Fans that wore orange received general admission tickets for \$5.

NSU and Southeastern have rivaled each other in football since

So far NSU has an overall winning record of 27-25.

SLU won last year in Hammond, 26-24. For the past three years 7 points

have decided the games in overtime, by 3 and by 2. According to the NSU press re-

lease, Southeastern has not won in Natchitoches since 1976, the Lions' only victory in eight trips to Turpin Stadium. Orange Out was an on-going

idea that the NSU Athletics Department marketing staff came up with up and put into affect this semester. The Student Activities Board

(SAB) got involved by assisting in the promotion of the event along with Campus Corner and Demon

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The Barnes and Noble bookstore on campus designed the official Orange Out shirt that was sold



Photo by Tori Ladd/The Current Sauce Students at the Northwestern State University vs. Southeastern Louisiana University game supporting the Demons at their first offical "Orange Out" event on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2009.

Even though Barnes and Noble is closed on Saturdays, the shirts were available at the bookstore on the bottom floor of the Friedman

for \$14.99 and came in adult and Student Union from 10am to 2pm on

In the tailgating zone the shirts were being sold underneath the north goalposts, on the west side of Turpin

In addition to bands horror show performance and the bright splotches orange, the student section was festive and attentive.

Groups of students could be seen rooting for the Demon team.

The NSU Army ROTC Demon Battallion was even in attendance in their Army Combat Uniform (ACU) pants and bright orange shirts that read NSU ROTC on the front and

the ROTC logo on the back. The ROTC's primary goal and purpose is fire the cannon whenever NSU scores a touchdown.

Other students were out on Saturday and expressing what they felt about the Orange Out game.

"I think the Orange Out went great," senior health and exercise science performance major Eddie Higginbotham said.

"It was nice to see how the word spread and how much participation there was.

"Anything that helps boost school spirit and student/alumni involvement in athletics is great.

It is important for fans to understand what a vital role they play in the success of a team through their support and encouragement, and I think the Orange Out is a great way to do this," Higginbotham said.

Associate Director of Athletics William Broussard feels as though the orange out concept was a very strong idea.

He also feels that it will gain momentum in time.

It has been proposed that the Orange Out may become annual football event.

"I really enjoyed myself at the Orange Out," freshman business major Aric Jonson said.

"I can't wait for the next one."

Intramurals Update:

Flag football season ends

Joe Cunningham Editor in chief

uesday night saw the close of the flag football season as Hidden Talent stole victory out from under the BCM in the men's bracket.

The game was rough on BCM from the beginning as they gave up a safety to Hidden Talent, who also scored on the next drive.

BCM decided to rely on short passes, pushing the ball downfield several times but were unable to follow up with a touchdown.

Things took a turn for the worse as Hidden Talent grabbed an inter-

However, BCM made a fantastic play in the next series to bring them all the way back downfield.

While BCM did turn it over on downs, they managed to grab a safety just before the end of the first half.

The second half saw a primarily Hidden Talent dominated field, although BCM did manage to scored close to the end of the game.

However, Hidden Talent answered the touchdown, bringing the score up to 27-8.

At two minutes left in the second half, the game was called as Hidden Talent's win.

The women's bracket and co-ed brackets also held their final matches on Monday.

For more information on flag football scores and upcoming intramurals events, visit:

http://wrac.nsula.edu/demonintramurals/



French Club reorganizing

Sarah Person Staff Writer

Students who love the French language can join NSU's French Club, which is now an active registered student organization on cam-

Christina Lake, president and French minor, had the idea last fall to start a group on campus.

"I saw that there was a Spanish club and even Latin cub, so I wondered why French wasn't represented since we are in Louisiana," Lake

She said the process was tedious to get the group registered but it was a well worth cause. Lake was involved in her high school's French club, but really wanted to get involved in college since her school's involvement was low.

There have been several ideas to enhance group membership: French movie nights, French food parties, educational lectures, field trips to see Cane River Plantation and Festival International in Lafayette.

Lake would like to see a French Conversation Table where advanced speakers can get together and converse, and beginners can learn.

Vice President Kayla Fincher is a French major and plans to study abroad in the fall.

" I remember when I was in high school, I was like this is so stupid, this isn't what they are saying; then I went to Canada for a French immersion Program and I was like it is its' own secret language," Fincher said.

Anyone interested in the language, literature, or culture is welcome to join and dues are five dol-



Photo by: Tori Ladd/Current Sauce Matt DeFord's sculpture 1 class had an exhibition of found object sculptures that can be seen in Hanchey Gallery in CAPA building.



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Katie Jo Springer presenting her sculpture piece "One Day at a Time" in Hancey Gallery on Monday Nov. 8, 2009.





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Weekly Spotlight:

Showcasing our campus RSO's

Becoming better journalists through diversity

Van Erikson Sauce Reporter

The National Association of Black Journalists has a commitment to excellence in writing and promoting diversity through unique ways throughout the community.

NABJ is an organization that can be opened on any campus that has journalism students.

The chapter here at Northwestern State University was opened in

At Northwestern, NABJ has put on several diversity forums in an effort to link all journalism students together regardless of race.

According to the chapter's pres-

ism major, the main goal is to break the barriers that have been set for strive for unity for everyone.

"NABJ is important to me because it helps me become a better writer, while we strive to promote Potpourri, and NSU News. diversity among all the students here," said Welch.

national conferences in order to story out there, and NABJ is an outbring fresh ideas to all of the college

At these conferences, students can compete in different areas in a chance to heighten their journalism

The chapter here at NSU has nity as well.

ident Brain Welch, a junior journal- brought back several awards with them as well.

NABJ is also very involved black journalists, and continue to within the Journalism Department here at NSU.

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Welch said, "It's important for us as journalists to sharpen all the The students of NABJ attend tools we have, so we can put the best let to do exactly that"

> The students of NABJ also participate in community events, such as fundraisers.

All these have been in an effort to involve people within the commu-

Century of Service Still In Full Swing

Cameron Tillman Sauce Reporter

One hundred years ago the original foundation of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People sparked college campuses all over the nation to join in the effight against racial inequality.

The NAACP's stand on NSU's campus for those set morals and ideals are no different.

Several times a semester, the NAACP holds events such as movie nights and open discussion forums.

These events are intended to leave the organizations members

of racial equality.

give students a chance to discuss controversial topics that are raregrowth of the organization such racial discrimination. as, fair skin versus dark skin in

In recognition of the diversity forums success, it was awarded NSU 2008-2009 special program of the year.

In light of their accomplishment the chapter would like to of its members.

and guests enlightened in the area racial and ethnic background willing to join in National mis-The popular open forums sion to ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights of all persons ly openly discussed prior to the and to eliminate racial hatred and

"Joining the Nationally recblacks and lack of diversity in the ognized organization not only forts to protect civil rights and separate greek systems of North- has its obvious positive influence on the campus but can help refine leadership skills and heighten you ability to work well with people", said Senior CIS major, and 2008-2009 president of NAACP, Marquis Montgomery.

> Montgomery insists that his improve on the lack of diversity time as president taught him a lot about himself and his abilities as The NAACP is open to any a follower as well as a leader.



Be Frank: Get down and dirty America's

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

ugs, grime and gross are not something found in my typical regime.



Not that I mind getting "down and dirty," I just prefer clean bug-free dirt.

But I put my girlish tendencies aside and joined the Natchitoches Historic Foundation during their Fall Cemetery Cleaning Day this past weekend.

Saturday was truly beautiful, and while the cemetery might not have been my original choice in spending the morning, I left with a few little lessons.

To dispute a previous debate with my roommate, things do get wetter when you add more water.

Before and after we applied the D2 (the cleaning chemical), we had to drench the grave marker with oldfashioned H2O.

Apparently the chemical was great to use to get the general grime and gross off the markers, but if it were to seep into the pores, it could lead to premature deterioration.

(When you are working to preserve in a month. Just wait." something, it is usually good to not to counteract all the preservation explain to my friends how it is the work you are doing.)

off the sides and soak the ground be. around it. I then took my squirt botthe grave marker.

literally looked like someone spraypainted them black, and I was expected to go through process a few times to make it white again. The entire time being respectful of the fact we were in a cemetery, and we were not simply cleaning rocks.

Let's just say, I definitely discovered some hardcore balancing skills that morning. Apparently it isn't good to sit, stand or rest on someone's grave marker, they tend to not like it.

So I would go through the cleaning process a couple of times and would see some improvement, but it didn't really look clean.

At that point the leader guy would come up and simply say, "Come back in a week. Come back

Patience is something often virtue that skipped me by. We are So I would take my five-gallon so accustomed to instant satisfacbucket of water and pour it over the tion that we forget and ignore how marker and watch the water trickle intoxicating the wait can sometimes

The wait can be found in a tratle of D2, gloves, goggles and scrub ditional Thanksgiving or Christmas brush, and got down and dirty with dinner. It is found in that perfect apple pie with handmade crust and I would get these markers that all the trimmings. It is the tempting smell of roasting turkey that fills the house and beckons you to the kitchen for the inevitable slap on the hand and boot out the door.

The wait is experienced each additional hour at the gym. The workout is painful and grueling, and you leave sweaty, gross and a little sore. But there is always something refreshing when you finally step into the hot shower and face the beating, scalding water.

The wait is accentuated throughout our education. It is in those classes you think you will never use. It is in the endless study-dates that seem to consume your relationship and Facebook status. It is in the feeling that trickles up your fingers after you finally hit "submit" when finishing

the 15-page research paper.

It is all worth it. And it was the contribute to the deterioration. Tends overlooked in today's world. I often wait that made it that much more enjoyable and pleasurable.

You don't experience that type of stimulation when you get your takeout order at McDonald's or Taco Bell or Canes. While they each have individual forms of satisfaction, they don't give you that "ooh-ahh" feeling when you take a bite.

Sometimes you need to just step back. Work, family, classes and all of life's other demands devour you. It is easy to get lost in daily habits and continuously look for the "quick fix" distraction.

But eventually you realize it won't work, and you feel stuck, suffocated and submerged.

Sometimes you just need to take a step back and re-evaluate things. Sometimes you just need to figure out if you taking a quick fix or working on the wait.

I might not like bugs or gross or most things discovered at the cemetery, but at the end of the day the gross was worth it. It was worth wait and the struggle to get the grave markers clean.

At the end of the day, you just need to decide if the wait is worth getting a little down and dirty.

Monsters

Curtis Desselles Guest Columnist

have permeated our folklore for many centuries. Every known culture has some



form of monster in its literature.

These monsters are mysterious, frightening, and hard to kill. The U.S. is no different and its monsters are created by its own governmental system. One such monster is the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The IRS originated in 1862 during the Civil War when President Lincoln and Congress needed funds to pay for the war.

The income tax was repealed ten years later, but in 1894 Congress revived the tax. That year the U.S. Supreme Court found this tax to be unconstitutional.

That didn't stop the monstrous governmental growth, and in 1913 the 16th Amendment was ratified which authorized Congress to enact an income tax. Once a government finds a new source for revenue, it only grows in magnitude.

Many of you are familiar with the saying "We've created a monster."

The IRS is one such monster and cannot be destroyed.

The IRS is analogous to a tumor. It spreads, it grows and it invades.

The main body of the tumor feeds the malignant arms and protects them by becoming parts of the living organism. The arms of the IRS produce

new professions like accountants, attorneys, tax firms and governmental administrative offices. Today the IRS cannot be de-

stroyed because like the Wall Street firms, it is too big to fail. The U.S. Bureau of Labor Sta-

tistics states that there are more than 639,000 CPAs in the U.S. today.

Imagine if we killed the IRS monster and replaced it with a more logical and fair system, a flat tax. There would be more than a half million unemployed accountants. I guess the IRS is too big to fail.

Let me say that our government is not always wrong. It does seem to mean well sometimes.

One case in point is Social Security. The Social Security Act was drafted by a committee on economic security and was passed by Congress as part of the New Deal.

The act was an attempt to guarantee the promises of our fore fathers to promote the general welfare and secure the blessing of liberty to all including the aged, the poor, and the unemployed.

President Roosevelt signed the act on August 14, 1935 and became the first president to advocate the protection of the elderly.

As always a good thing is usually too good to be true. Our wise politicians started to dip into the till and created a welfare system called Supplemental Social Security (SSI) for those that had not contributed to

SSI and the Welfare system were new monsters that would dilute the U.S. revenues collected and today these programs cannot be destroyed. Louisiana ranks 22nd in the nation for the number of families on welfare with more than 22,000 families reported.

I am not without compassion, but we need to stop creating these governmental monsters.

These past few months the health-care reform debate has become heated with the American people divided on the issue.

This weekend, the Congress passed a bill that would mandate each of us to buy health insurance or face a \$2500 fine.

This reminds me of the mandatory automobile insurance law. The only ones profiting from these mandates are the insurance companies.

My generation has seen many taxes and monsters created. I would like to warn the youth of this country to think before allowing another monster to be created.

I would hate for my children to pay for the sins of the previous gen-

Opinionated Spirits: the climb precursors the decent

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist





The cost of that climb is the journey downhill.

The type of alcohol that is drunk will affect a person's pace to the peak as well as his decent.

There are drinks that make people friendly and drinks that make people angry. Some drinks help spark new ideas and creativity while others destroy friendships and reputations.

I discovered such a drink recently. It is a mix of liquids that does bad things to good people.

The first time I heard of it was in a book I was reading called I Hope They Serve Beer in Hell, by Tucker Max. He mixed Gatorade, Red Bull and Everclear together to create a drink he called the "Tucker Max Death Mix."

The Death Mix will speed up

the climb to the peak.

The climb is the most enjoyable part of drinking. It is the period when you are the most relaxed, talkative and friendly. You begin making new friends as you talk up the whole bar, and everyone there is starting to like you more and more, or so it seems to

When drinking beer, the climb could take hours, but liquor could quicken that process.

Either way, you still feel care free as you start flirting with random people and start making your way to the dance floor. This is your chance to show off dance moves you thought embarrassing before. There's no room for shyness at this point when you're the most likeable person of the party.

Creativity flows wild for some drinkers at this point. Alcoholism, although a disease for some, is used as a tool for new ideas by others.

Ernest Hemmingway, Edgar Allan Poe and even world leaders have shown greatness while being drunker than an Irish dockworker.

Just think of how different World War II would have been if

Churchill had been sober. It no longer surprises me that Adolf Hitler was the only teetotaler.

At that point of comfort and creativity, you have reached the peak. You have reached the high point of the night when you believe nothing could go wrong.

Then you trip, but it's no big deal because you're just a little drunk.

Then, you trip again.

When someone asks you if you're OK, your slurred response makes you wonder why you're acting like this. Then you realize it. You have begun the decent.

It's too late to stop it now with the alcohol already running through that your choice of drink for the night will allow your decent to be an

Death Mix. It cuts the time to the peak nearly in half and only worsens the downward spiral that is about to occur. It turns a drunken slur into velling, stumbling into kicking inanimate objects and sex into an impos-

You become immune to cold ness.

Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston temperatures, pain and even loud noises because you have become louder than the music blaring from the speakers.

> Those people who thought you were funny and cute while you were drunk before are now avoiding you, and your pick up lines become more offensive the more you open your

> The problem with being in a social setting while drinking the Death Mix is that it does not just effect a person's basic motor skills.

> It quite possibly corrupts the inner being of a person. It throws a drinker's perception of right and wrong out the window and gives him a BAC that could rival Jesus'.

The best advice I can give drinkyour body. All you can hope for is ers after learning about this dangerous substance is to stick to what they

I hope this will serve as a warn-This is the problem with the ing for a drinker who dares to be consumed by the Death Mix.

> Be prepared to lose the following: motor skills, depth perception, clothing, friendships, ability to speak, self-respect, sexual performance, religious faith, girlfriends/ boyfriends and finally, conscious-

Letters to the Editor **Not-so sacred campus**

o the NSU Current Sauce. I am one of the many folk who enjoy walking along Chaplain's Lake on the beautiful NSU campus.

I was delighted to see the many jack-o-lanterns lined along the trail for Halloween. I can only imagine how wonderful it was to have them all aglow in the evenings.

The choice to dispose of the

rotting pumpkins by tossing them into the Lake raises some questions. Surely, this was not an act of vandalism, for we would have heard about it immediately. I wonder if there would have been a better way to take care of the situation.

Will the beauty of this part of our campus be restored?

> W.P. Morgan-Hall Assistant Professor of Theatre

Voices forced silent

I am writing in response to questions about online students paying student fees. An article on this with a proposal for a referendum was on page 1 of the November 4, 2009 edition of The Current Sauce.

Fall and Summer 2009, I took the classes I needed are online only.

Actually, I would have preferred the face-to-face dialogue of a traditional classroom course. Regarding fees, there is already an extra fee for Internet classes.

I am concerned about the Uni-

versity, but also about my fees. This semester I was only able to afford two courses even though I had desired to take more.

I do not want the school to go broke, but neither do I wish to be priced out of schooling by rising

If there is a referendum, conclassroom courses. This semester sider how the online students will be allowed to vote.

> If online students cannot vote then you would be guilty of "taxation without representation," one of the evils specified in the Declaration of Independence.

Sincerely, Herbert de Launay

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Lions Mangled Demons

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

he Demon football team got the short end of the stick once again with a 27-0 shutout, handed to them by Southeastern Louisiana University Saturday at Turpin Stadium.

It was the first time since 1975 that the Lions defeated the Demons at Turpin Stadium.

It was the second shutout this year against NSU with the first being a 34-0 beat down by Central Arkansas on Oct. 10.

NSU struggled offensively from the start of the game. The first three drives were three-and-outs. Southeastern would eventually

capitalize on the Demons' inability to move the ball.

SLU kicker Jeff Turner knocked in a 45-yarder to give the Lions a 3-0 lead over the Demons.

SLU didn't take long to push the lead to 10 points.

On the fourth Demon drive, a fake punt by Bradley Russo was stopped on the 24-yardline, giving the Lions great field position.

Two plays later, Lions' quarterback Brian Babin completed a 22-yard pass to wide receiver Chris Wilson.

The game was all but over until Babin connected on two passing touchdowns right before halftime.

The first came after NSU true freshman Paul Harris was picked off by SLU's Re'keem Wilson with 1:25 left in the half.

The Lions' offense quickly went the great field position. to the two-minute drill.

Babin completed two quick passes to Merrick Lanaux and Sim Yarborough before he found Kory Theodore for a 48-yard touchdown

On the kickoff, NSU true fresh-



Photo by Bethany Frank/The Current Sauce

Darrius Duffy (88) takes a screen pass from quarterback Tyler Wolfe for 69-yards downfield in the Demons' 27-0 loss to Southeastern Louisiana this past Saturday.

man Jamal White was hit hard by SLU's Kendrick Jackson, forcing a fumble to give the Lions another possession before the end of the half.

Babin found running back Jas

Duckworth for a 10-yard screenpassing touchdown to push the lead

would score the last points of the receptions for 147 yards. game. Turner nailed a 36-yard field

goal to make the lead 27-0.

"Southeastern is a good team and that's why they are number one in the conference," senior safety SLU once again capitalized on Gary Riggs said. "They saw every slight bend in our execution and capitalized on it."

> The Demons had some high points for the game.

Senior receiver Darius Duffy Late in the third, the Lions had a career high game, snagging 12

He was one grab shy of the

single-game record. Duffy's performance moved him within three catches of the single-season record for receptions, which is 47.

left for the season. Next week, the Demons try to

The Demons have two games

find a win in Thibodaux, La against the Nicholls State Colonels.

"We play hard and personally, we shouldn't' be 0-9," Duffy said. " We are just waiting to see the winning results."

Around the Horn

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

Baseball

The Demon World Series ended with Team Wolpack coming out on top of Team Dirtbags.

Team Wolfpack won the secgame series by a combined score of

The first game ended in a 3-3 tie. The Demon World Series ends the fall practice schedule for the NSU baseball team. You can look forward to seeing them in action this coming spring.

Tennis

The Lady Demon Tennis team wrapped up their fall schedule of events in a series at the University of North Texas.

NSU finished 5-3 in doubles, event with two wins and no losses

In singles play, Andrea Nedorostova and Olga Bazhanova, both of whom finished singles play winning two matches and only losing one, led the Lady Demons.

"We will have until January to get healthy and compete for a Southland Conference championship," Head Coach Patric DuBois said. "I feel we had a very good fall season and improved quite a bit. Our conference is as strong with depth as it has ever been, but I feel our team, if healthy, can compete for the title."

Women's Basketball

The Lady Demons Basketball team finished its exhibition against phen F. Austin.

Louisiana College with a 75-65 win. Leading point scorers for NSU were Lyndzee Green with 16, Brittany Houston and Anna Cate Williams with 11 and Sherrion Thomas

The Lady Demons had a 26-point lead that was whittled ond and third games of the three down to 10 with a minute left in the

> "It's a lesson learned," Head Coach Jennifer Graf said. "We've got to be focused for 40 minutes. It doesn't matter if you're down by 30 or up by 30. At this level, you've got to play hard for 40 min-

> The Lady Demons kick off its regular season schedule this Friday against Arkansas-Monticello at 5:45 p.m.

SLC Soccer

The Southeastern Louisiana led by juniors Kathrin Lange and University Lady Lions will repre-Bianca Schulz, who finished the sent the Southland Conference in the Women's NCAA Soccer Tour-

They will face off against the Florida State University Lady Seminoles. The Lady Lions defeated the Lady Bobcats in the SLC Tournament by the score of 2-0.

SELA also had half of the SLC All-Tournament team, including MVP goalie Lacey Bockhaus.

Southland Conference

The All-Tournament team includes: Maiya Cooper, Karly Daigys, Kyle Macintosh, Natalie Santana all from SELA, Britney Curry, Kelsey Bernard, Alissa Scott, Andrea Grifo all from Texas State, Shelby Grisset from Sam Houston and Kylie Louw from Ste-

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Lady Demons volleyball wins third match of season

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

he NSU volleyball team celebrated Senior Night this past Saturday, and the pregame excitement for the seniors led to postgame celebration for the three sets to two upset victory over McNeese

It's fitting how on Senior Night the seniors step up and dominate the

Yelena Enwere led the Lady Demon squad with 17 kills. Megan Dockery led the team in digs with 21, and Luana Henriques picked a good time to have a career-high 51

Laranda Spann for NSU also had a career-high in kills with 17 and had a team high .433 hitting percentage. While, Taylor Deering posted double-digit kills with 10.

"We got down early," Head Coach Brittany Uffelman said. "But our girls stepped it up and fought their way back, and we got a much needed victory."

The Lady Demons started the match off in a 0-2 hole.

The third set seemed to be going the same way until NSU broke a 13to go up 22-16. NSU would go on to win the third set 25-21.

The fourth set for the most part was all NSU.

The Lady Demons opened up Lady Cowgirls .183 to .139 and finwith a 6-0 lead. The closest that the Lady Cow-

girls would ever get to the Lady Demons was four points. NSU would end up ending the

the match to a fifth and final set. NSU started the fifth set off on the right foot with a 2-0 lead.

set by the score of 25-21, pushing

3-3 and the Lady Demons went on a three-point run to go up 6-3. The Lady Cowgirls would fight

It would end up being tied at

back to tie it at sixes.

This back-and-forth action would continue until the final match was tied at 13 apiece.

Thanks to a MSU service error 13 tie, and then went on a 9-3 streak and a Deering kill, the Lady Demons went on to finish the upset of the Lady Cowgirls by the final score of; 17-15, 23-25, 25-21, 25-21, 15-13. The Lady Demons outhit the

> ished with 72 team digs, only one off the season high. NSU also had seven blocks for the game, with four of them coming

> from Enwere. NSU looks to get back in action tomorrow night as they play host to the Lamar Lady Cardinals at Prather. Game time is set for 7 p.m.

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Bass Fishing Team finishes fourth in region

David Royal News Editor

o find one of the university's most successful sports team, you have to venture off dry land.

This past weekend, the NSU Bass Fishing Team proved once again that it is a worthy contender in its region by finishing fourth at the National Guard FLW College Fishing Texas Regional Championship.

By finishing in the top five, the Demons were awarded \$8,000 - half going to NSU and the other going to the bass team - and qualified to compete in the FLW College Fishing's National Championship in Knox-

Jeff Rich and Aaron Sistrunk represented NSU over the weekend and said they were pleased with their

"Of course we would've liked to have finished first, but we're also just happy to be going to nationals," said Rich, who is also the team's president.

Rich and Sistrunk competed with teams representing 17 other universities, including Oklahoma State University, Louisiana State University and the University of

NSU placed behind Texas A&M, Texas State and Tarelton

Regional champions Texas A&M took home \$25,000 in cash

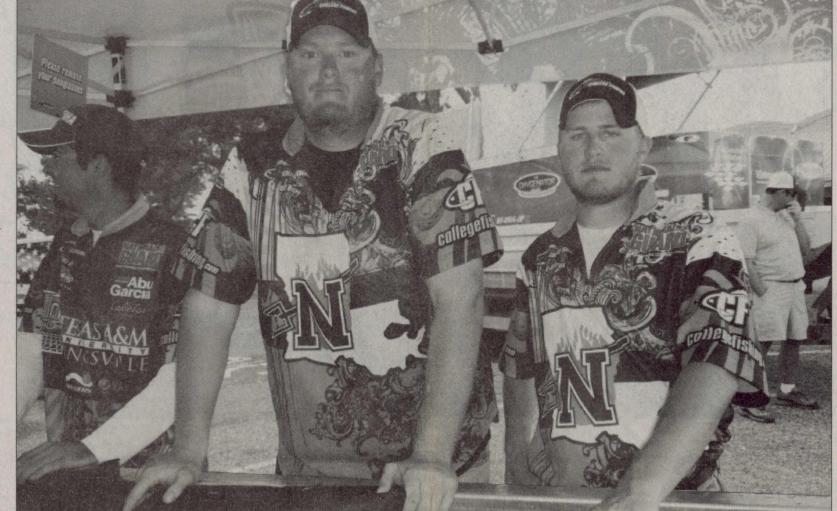


Photo by Jarrett Reeves/ The Current Sauce

Jeff Rich and Aaron Sistrunk stand in front the fish tank Sunday at the National Guard FLW College Fishing Texas Regional Championship. Rich and Sistrunk represented NSU in the tournament and qualified to compete in the national championship in April for \$1 million

also worth about \$25,000.

Kevin Hunt, director of opera- location for the event. tions at FLW Outdoors, said the re-

and said Natchitoches was a great said.

"We have a long standing relato go to."

and a 177TR Ranger fishing boat - gional championship was a success tionship with Natchitoches," Hunt

"It is one of our favorite towns

doors, which is the largest fishing tournament organization in the April, where they will be competing

Natchitoches before, but this was the first ever college regional championship and said he was happy the city got to host it.

The regional championship, which took place on Sibley Lake, consisted of each team of two taking off from the boat ramp at 7 a.m. and weighing their catches later that day at the Prather Coliseum parking lot.

The teams were allowed to weigh up to six fish a day, and the heaviest total catch won.

Rich and Sistrunk, who have been fishing together for about a year and have finished in the top-10 in three tournaments, caught three fish weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces on the first day; six fish weighing 7 pounds, 6 ounces on the second day; and six fish weighing 8 pounds, 2 ounces on the final day.

There was an 8 pound, 5 ounce difference between NSU and the champions from Texas A&M.

Rich added that their total catches weighed more than what he was expecting.

He said he was only expecting about 18 pounds worth.

Rich, Sistrunk and the other five members of the NSU Bass Fishing Team have competed in seven tournaments since the season began last spring and has finished in the top 10 for many of them.

Next, the team will be preparing Hunt explained that FLW Out- for the National Guard FLW College Fishing National Championship in world, has held several events in for a \$1 million prize.

Campbell encourages H1N1 vaccine

David Royal News Editor

s of yesterday, NSU Health Services has about 50 doses of the H1N1 influenza vaccine left, said Stephanie Campbell, the department's director.

Since they started giving the vaccine last Tuesday, Campbell and her staff have administered the vaccine to about 150 faculty, students and community members.

Campbell added, however, that she is a little surprised that the first shipment of the vaccine has not yet run out.

She said that the reasons not all of the vaccines have been given could be because NSU students do not realize that they are eligible to receive it and because they are unsure if the vaccine is safe.

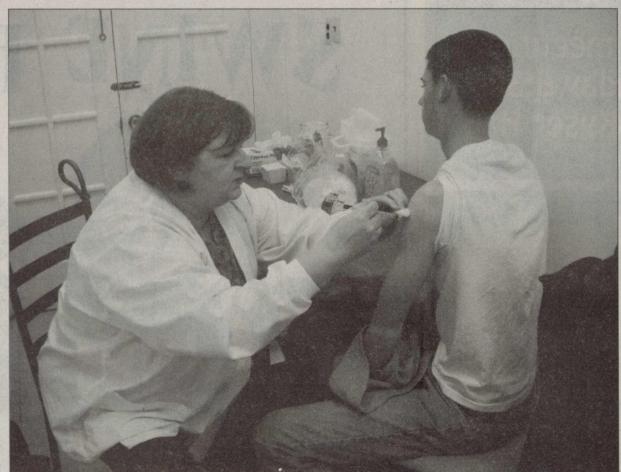
Campbell said she wants to emphasize that any students between the ages of 16 and 24 are eligible and encouraged to receive the vaccine, and it is made by the same manufacturer of the seasonal flu vaccine, which has a great safety record.

It is free to receive the vaccination and a person must simply present their photo id to the nurse.

Thus far, the vaccination process has been running smoothly, Campbell said.

NSU Health Services has set up a website and a call line to provide the people with information about the vaccination.

Campbell explained that the health clinic has also been temporarily rearranged to accommodate the



Courtesy photo

Stephanie Campbell, director of NSU Health Services, gives the H1N1 vaccine to a student.

vaccination process.

The most noticeable change is that the primary waiting area has been divided into two sections: one side for those who are healthy and simply wanting the vaccination and the other for those who are ill and seeking a nurse's attention.

community to get vaccinated, Camp-

bell said that everyone who receives the vaccine will have their name entered into a drawing for prizes.

Although the exact details have not yet been determined, Campbell said possible prizes may include gas cards, gift cards to local restaurants or a Barnes and Noble gift cards for Additionally to encourage the textbooks or NSU merchandise.

Campbell said she still has not

been informed of when the university's second, larger shipment of vaccines will arrive.

She said she is, however looking into placing an additional order for 1,000 more vaccines from the

As of yesterday, Campbell said she still plans to have a mass vaccination clinic in early December.

NSU Physical Plant prepares for future projects

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

SU's underground electrical infrastructure renovation is in the final stages, said Chuck Bourg, director of physical plant op-

erations. All the old electrical components have been replaced, and now all that is left to do is to remove the old system, Bourg said.

"That's going to be a benefit to our campus because the lines have been in the ground since the 1930s," Bourg said.

on a new three-story student services center between January and March. It will be built on West Caspari

NSU is looking to go up for bids

Street in conjunction with renovating East Caspari.

"The student services center will be a one stop shop area for the students," he said.

A few offices will be moved to the centralized location of the student services center, such as the

registrar's office, financial aid, admissions, recruiting, new student programs, cashier's office and possibly the One Card office.

The project will last approximately 18 months, Bourg said. It will go up for bids next spring and possibly be ready to move into by fall 2012. Bourg said that they hope to

have the East Caspari building's renovations started before the new building on West Caspari is complete. East Caspari will be used as an extension of the student center.

Another near-future project will be the replacing of steam lines under the older part of the campus where the main buildings are located.

A more efficient heating system will be made by upgrading the way water is heated, he explained.

Certain buildings, such as Turpin stadium and the Health and Human Performance building, have independent boilers so that the steam lines won't have to run across cam-

Other future projects include:

-Replacing all campus outdoor lighting with LED fixtures.

-Installing emergency generators for Iberville Hall, Physical Plant and University Place.

-Campus fiber optics upgrade

-Renovation of Bossier, Varnado, Fournet, Bienvenu and Sabine Halls.

-Waterproofing and cleaning of Watson Library, Varnado Hall and the Alumni Center

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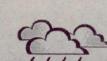
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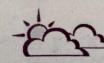
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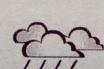


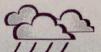


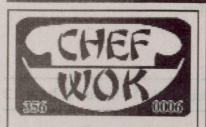












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BCM, ROTC honor local veterans



NSU Army ROTC cadets listen to stories and share experiences with local veterans during a commerative luncheon held in BCM building on Veterans Day.

Shelita Dalton

Staff Reporter

eterans Day was celebrated all over the country. The same proved true for NSU.

The NSU Army ROTC and the Baptist Collegiate Ministry hosted a luncheon for local veterans. More

at the BCM building.

The ROTC cadets had the opportunity to share experiences with the veterans while they ate and served them lunch.

The guests in attendance were appreciative for the event.

than 100 veterans were in attendance hold more of these reception ceremonies throughout the year, but I am truly honored to be invited to speak," said veteran Lloyd Ponder.

> Ponder, who is also a graduate of NSU, served during World War II.

Lt. Col. Kevin McAllister, professor of military science at NSU, "I think we should probably said that Ponder's speech was one of

the highlights of the ceremony. "I really enjoyed when veteran

Lloyd Ponder told us about his time in World War II.

He talked about his suffering, surviving and persevering as a POW (Prisoner of War) under the Japa-

nese," he said. He was serving in the Philippine Islands when he was captured.

Upon his release, he was discharged with honors from the Army in 1946.

Ponder said he hoped those that heard him speak gained a little history and appreciation for the veterans who were put in desperate circum-

Veteran and Natchitoches local Calvin McFerrin also enjoyed the event. He said the NSU ROTC was very kind to them.

"They have tooted us veterans' horns a bunch today," he said.

McFerrin served in the Vietnam War from 1966-1968.

He attended the luncheon with his father, Milton McFer-

rin, who served during WWII. Calvin McFerrin said it means a great deal to take part in a ceremony

like the one the ROTC put on, with

his father. He added that there is a special bond between the men in his family because they are all veterans.

McAllister said the event was not just to show appreciation.

"It also gave the cadets a chance to hear the experiences of the veterans, and they were able to get a taste of how special and important their service was to them," he said.

"As they move toward their careers in the military, I want them to have an appreciation that being able to serve the country is an honor and a privilege."

ROTC cadet and junior communication major Elisha Ibanga was grateful for his opportunity to give

"They served our country," he said. "So, I thought it was good to serve them and to do something nice for the veterans."

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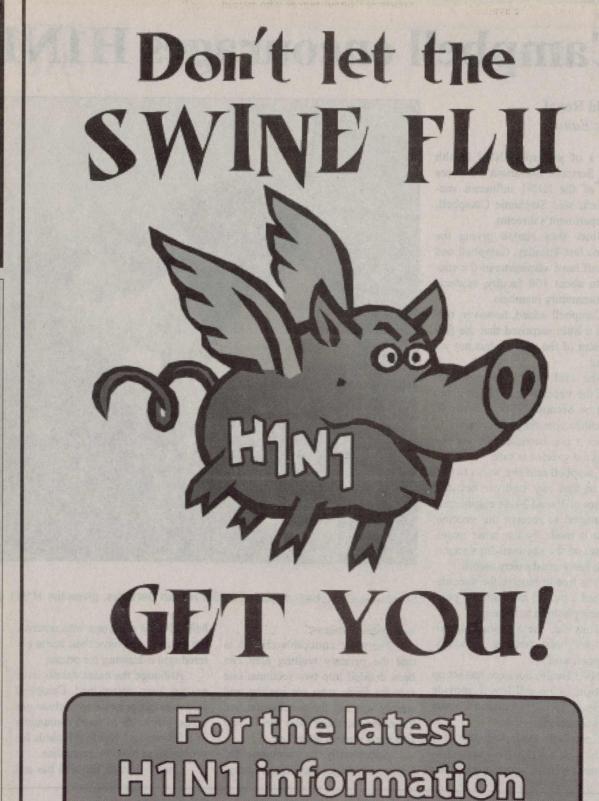
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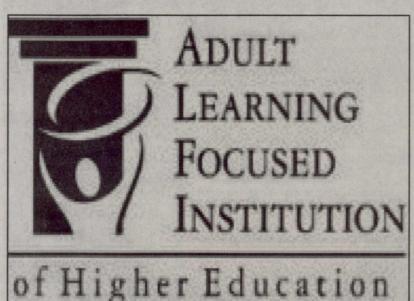


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State Board of Regents approve new programs



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Students enrolled in Center for Adult Learning in Louisiana (CALL) have new programs to choose from, all of which are online.

NSU has received approval from the State Board of Regents to expand course offerings.

There will be a total of five programs offered through CALL. Beginning Fall 2010, students can choose from Bachelor of Science in Addiction Studies, Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and RN to BSN (Registered Nurse to Bachelor of Science in Nursing).

A Bachelor of Science in Psychology with a concentration in Substance Abuse will be available in the spring 2011 semester. NSU will also be a partner in a collaborative effort by the University of Louisiana System to offer a Bachelor of Science program in fall 2010.

Students enrolled in the Bachelor of Science in Addiction Studies are provided extensive training to become addiction counselors and prevention specialists.

This program was one of the first of its kind and focuses on alcoholism and drug abuse. The journalism program prepares students for diverse academic careers in mass communication.

Students are taught the values and attitudes that are expected with professional journalism.

Finally, the RN to BSN program assists registered nurses who would like to pursue a Bachelors of Science in Nursing.

The program's goal is for students to become a provider of direct and indirect care to individuals, and families or become a manager and coordinator of a care and a member of a profession.

The CALL program targets adult students who potentially are working full time or have other obligations that prevent them from having a traditional campus experience.

This program gives individuals an opportunity to come back to complete a bachelor's degree while still being able to work full time; it is all about flexibility," said Vice President for Technology, Research and Economic Development Darlene

Williams said the program targets adults who have some college education but not completed their degree. "They have an opportunity through the CALL program to come back and complete their program," Williams said.

There are 307 students currently enrolled in NSU's Call program but the program is relatively new here with the first program being offered fall 2007. Acting Provost Dr. Lisa Abney is glad that these students have been accommodated and hopes more will take part in CALL.

"The growth of the program has been steady, and Dr. Williams, Dr. Webb, and I think that it will continue to grow quickly," Abney said.

"We are, indeed, proud to have been in the leaders in this wonderful initiative, and having BPCC as our partner has been a tremendous as-

Random Facts

President Kennedy was the fastest random speaker in the world with upwards of 350 words per minute.

There are 10 human body parts that are only 3 letters

long (eye hip arm leg ear toe jaw rib lip gum).

Every year about 98% of the atoms in your body are replaced.

The Baby Ruth candy bar was actually named after Grover Cleveland's baby daughter, Ruth.

Every day more money is printed for Monopoly than the US Treasury.

Men can read smaller print than women can; women can hear better.

Weekly Spotlight:

Showcasing our campus RSOs

D Phi D spreads cancer awarneness on campus

Chris Watts Sauce Reporter

D Phi D is not your typical orga-

"It started out as a joke," senior criminal justice major and D Phi D

president Brandy Guillory said. "The group started with the Demon Dazzlers because we always joked that we didn't have time to

join a real organization," Guillory D Phi D, originally Demon Phi Dazzlers, or Dance Phi Dance, was finally recognized by the University as an RSO in 2007, and has expanded its membership far beyond the

The group began pulling members from the pom-pom line and theatre department, and adding males.

"One of our main objectives is to support the dance community and promote awareness of the arts," senior HMT major and vice president Kelsey Trautman said.

D Phi D's philanthropy is the Special Olympics. Members have volunteered their time at track meets across the country, and helped set up a meet at Northwestern with Alpha Sigma Alpha.

Founding president and 2007 NSU Lady of the Bracelet Corina Harwood currently works as a Special Olympics coach.

"It's very rewarding to be around athletes with such great sportsmanship and attitudes, and to be a part of something bigger than yourself," Harwood said.

D Phi D also judges high school dance try-outs throughout the state and donates all their dues to St.

"It's like one big support group. We're definitely a family," Guillory

According to Guillory, D Phi D is shifting their focus to cancer awareness, after a member was diagnosed with Leukemia last year. Members will raise money throughout the semester to donate to StupidCancer.com, and online cancer awareness and support group.

"We're a group of people with really strong goals and we encourage each other to fulfill the. We help each other because we're all in this together," Guillory said.

Miss Black crowned in Magale

Jimmie Walker

Staff Reporter

The Theta Chi chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, Inc hosted its annual Miss Black and Gold Scholarship Pageant Sunday at Magale Recital Hall.

Students, friends and family watched as eight contestants showcased beauty, brains and elegance to be crowned the "Queen of the

The Miss Black and Gold Pageant is an outgrowth of a long tradition that Alpha Phi Alpha chapters have to designate a "chapter sweetheart." "The girls worked extremely

hard," Diante Turner, Vice President of Alpha Phi Alpha, said. "It took a lot of guts to get up on

stage in front of a crowd like that." Sixteen girls tried out for the

Eventually, eight dropped out because the preparation for the pageant was time consuming and it became hard to balance schoolwork and practicing for the pageant.

Eight lovely ladies remained and among them were senior journalism major Laila Benjamin, sophomore nursing major Amy Metoyer, freshman journalism major Lara Harrison, sophomore nursing major Kellie Lewis and freshman social work major Genevolyn Ceasar.

Benjamin earned the honor of being crowned the winner of the 2009 Miss Black and Gold Pageant.

"I was completely shocked when they announced me as the winner," Benjamin said.

"The only think I could utter was 'are you serious?""

For Benjamin, being nervous wasn't the problem. When you're in situation like that, your anxiousness can get the best of you.

The contestants dazzled the crowd in three different phases of the competition.

They walked with style and gracefulness in the swimsuit and evening gown phase of the pageant. Metoyer was the winner of the

swimsuit competition as well as the

The contestants displayed an array of flair in the talent portion of the

Ceasar danced her way to the best talent award as well as the cowinner of the Miss Congeniality award, which was also won by Lewis, the winner of the People's Choice

Harrison was named the second

Benjamin will compete at the district level of the Miss Black and Gold Pageant at the fraternity's district convention, which is being held in Shreveport, La.

an opportunity to compete on the Laila Benjamin, crowned as the national, which includes a higher 2009 Miss Black and Gold. scholarship amount.



Submitted Photo If she wins there, she will have Above is senoir journalism major



From left to right is sophomore nursing major Amy Metoyer, former Miss Black and Gold Cheryl Lewis, senoir journalism major Laila Benjamin, freshman journalism major Lara Harrison and freshman social work major Genevolyn Ceaser.

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Hasting speaks on UFO happenings in the U.S.

Tori Ladd Life Editor

Birds, planes, hot air balloons and unidentified flying objects- did you say UFO?

Yeah, and they all clutter the

As part of the SGA Distinguished Lecture Series, on Nov 12th in Magale Recital Hall to an audience of approximately 70, Robert Hastings came to campus and discussed UFOs.

Investigator Hastings used interviews of people who claimed they have seen UFOs and documents from the FBI and CIA to capture the attention of his audience on Thursday night.

Hastings is in agreement with others on the issue of UFOs existing and the American government is continuing to produce a "massive

According to Hastings, the United States government investigated UFO's for more than two decades but disbanded the investigation in 1969 saying there is lack of evidence that the craft existed or had actually been seen in the U.S.

Despite the denial by U.S. of- tioning the reported crash and recov-

that American citizens deserve to know the truth about the existence of UFOs and why they come to visit

When thinking of UFOs people usually think of disc-shaped objects that hover in the air, extraordinarily fast and highly maneuverable they can seem to be balls, discs or saucers and may appear in small groups and making no sounds.

The Pentagon often releases statements denying reports of anything of the sort.

Instead, it credits the sightings as solar reflections of clouds or meteorites breaking up or hailstones.

A few military officers, however, have admitted privately to obser-

Hastings said both public and military sightings have been reported mainly since 1947. Hastings said UFO activity re-

ports are notably near nuclear and power installations, both military He also pointed out that sight-

ings in the 1940s were near the U.S. atomic laboratories of Sandia and Los Alamos in New Mexico, men-

ficials, Hastings said he believes ery of an object in Roswell, N.M. in

Immediately after the news reports of the Roswell incident, a highly orchestrated campaign of denial was initiated by the U.S. gov-

In the two hour event, Hastings expressed his belief in the concentration of UFO activity near nuclear locations since the 1940s that the vehicles are from "hyperspace" and have come to Earth to warn of the destruction that can come from the use of atomic weaponry.

He also has U.S. sources who have reported incidents of missiles in silos malfunctioning at the same time as UFO sightings were being

Hastings said for five years after the collapse of the Soviet Union, interviews were granted with former-Soviet officers stationed at a missile site in then-Soviet Ukraine.

The officers said that missiles were mysteriously activated for 15 seconds on Oct. 4, 1982, and that UFOs were sighted during the time span. The missiles had to be manually overridden by the Soviets to prevent launch.

Hastings also said that the docu-



Robert Hasting spoke on unidentified flying objects on Nov. 17 in Magale Recital Hall as apart of the SGA Distinguished Lecture Series for this semester.

mentation he collects and presents is anecdotal and is growing. Much information previously classified is now available online on the CIA's

Hasting recommends reading through the previously classified info about UFOs on the CIA's Web site and viewing fufo.com and cufos.

He has been featured at other universities across the globe and has been a guest on "Larry King Live, said. "We have an interesting fu- where you can see his UFO videos.

where he discussed his findings on ture."

He is a former laboratory analyst with Phillips Corp., turned investigator who has had an interest in Affairs. The first was in 2005. UFO's since he spotted one when he was a teenager.

He decided to take his collection of documents and personal interviews on the university lecture circuit 28 years ago.

"In time, it will all be out," he

This is Hasting's second appearance on campus, said Josh Russell, SGA, and Brian Johnson, Academic

Russell said students enjoyed the program and the information was interesting, so the sponsors were glad to have him come back.

For more information about Robert Hasting, visit his Web site www.ufohastings.com or YouTube

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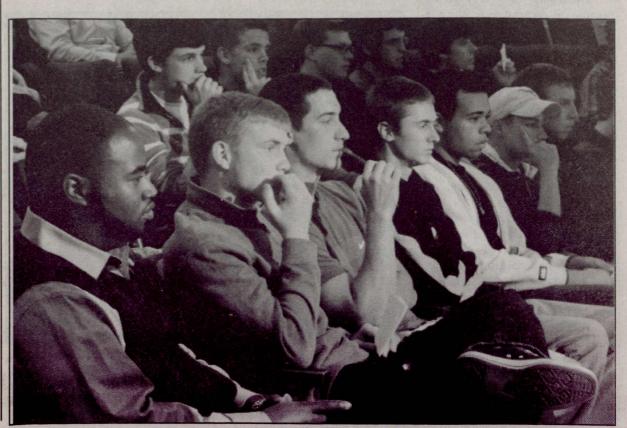
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Photos by Bethany Frank/The Current Sauce "Deeper than Black and White" diversity forum was held Monday, November 9th in the TV Studio in Kyser Hall. The Event was put on by the NAACP at NSU and NSU Journalism Ddepartment. The pannel included Kayla Wingfield, Student Body President, Karim Meghani Student Activities Representative, Dr. William Broussard, Assistant Professor of Journalism and Public Relations, Kristi Simms NCC, LPC Counseling Therapist, NSU Department of Counseling & Career Services, Eddie Higginbotham, IV - Senior, Health and Exercise Science, Pre-Physical Therapy Major, SAB President, Mr. NSU and Dr. William (Bill) Housel, coordinator of Social Sciences. The discussion ranged from topics of gender to cultural differences found in Natchitoches, and was moderated by Ronnie Washington.



Be Frank: **Space Travel**

Opinions Editor

s the adage goes, "Shoot for the moon; if you fail you'll always land among the stars."



It is simple to speak that phrase metaphorically to a young child to encourage him to dream bigger to be all he can be. But what happens when that child takes the phrase literally?

One took "one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind" in 1969 and now, 50 years later, our journey in space evolves.

NASA found significant amounts of water on the moon that could potentially support human activity, according to "NASA: There is water on lunar soil," printed by CNN on Sept. 25.

What that means today is vague, but what it could mean for future years is mindboggling.

But as we continue to venture out toward the "great unknown," many are concerned about what it means for us as a society.

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Many feel that our home is Earth, and we should stay here.

Some say that if God wanted us to be in space, he would have put us out there. But perhaps God wanted us to get there ourselves.

Perhaps the sky truly is the limit, and it is our playground. Besides, what is the point of space if you cannot travel it, and how cruel would God be if he didn't want us to? It's like dangling a toy in front of a child and saying don't touch.

People are always so scared of where science could take them, but they are blinded to where it has brought them.

There are folks out there who have an inquisitive mind and desire answers to all their questions.

They need to know that the atom isn't the smallest unit of matter or that the Earth isn't flat or that perhaps the universe does not evolve

But that doesn't make anyone less Christian or less religious.

Even the pope has apologized to

Science has taken society places faith alone could not. The desire for knowledge has opened up so many doors that could never have happened by prayer alone.

Miracles occur daily, but they don't occur without a little help.

Scientific discovery has brought medicine and cell phones and heat and Facebook and a plethora of things we require daily.

Yes. It has also brought things that scare us. But in the end, it is

Science becomes a matter of understanding power and using it re-

It then becomes our job to take that science and reach for the moon. Because today they found water, but who knows what you will find to-

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Letter to the Editor behind the pumpkin massacre

o Whom It May Concern: I, Karrie Simpson, am aware end of Oct. 30 through Nov. 1.

heavy rain and high winds occurred pus. during the event Connect the Pumpkins to be blown into the lake.

The remaining pumpkins were scattered all over the walkway. I had no control over this disaster.

As of Sunday, Nov. 1, 2009, I of pumpkins landing in Chapheld a second lighting ceremony for lins Lake on NSU campus the week- the pumpkins that survived and disposed of them Monday, Nov.2, in a A nature disaster involving designated garbage disposal on cam-

kins down Chaplins Lake. This pared for such a disaster. I will have caused many of the displayed pump- a natural disaster strategy for upcoming years.

Sincerely,

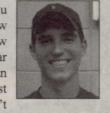
I apologize for not being pre-

Karrie Simpson

Opinionated Spirits: One night stand

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

you always hear girls say, 'Oh man I was so drunk last night. I shouldn't



have slept with that guy.' We could be that mistake!'

These words from the movie Superbad, 2007, make most people laugh because it is an experience they have either seen happened to a friend or to themselves.

Alcohol can make or break a first impression when it comes to being able to take someone of the opposite sex home. I have heard my fair share of one-night-stand tales with only a year and a half of college under my belt. A few of my friends have had some interesting experi-

The first met a girl from out of town. He learned how she liked trying different kinds of beer, one of his favorite hobbies. He bought both of them a different kind of beer with every round.

She seemed like a friendly, sweet girl, and he enjoyed her company at the bar. She apparently enjoyed his company as well, and she of other people to continue partying after the bar had closed.

One thing led to another, and the two of them were in his room.

Their interaction went from a conversation to sexual seduction while my friend was in mid-sentence. It seemed like this could lead to an enjoyable night, until she began to speak.

She said something that he couldn't make out at first. Then she said it again.

"I love being a little slut," she

My friend paused.

He couldn't believe what he just heard. The comment had not killed his buzz but did cause a slight change of thought. He wondered what he had gotten himself into.

As their interactions progressed she continued with an array of comments that made him feel uncomfortable to the point that he had to ask her to stop talking.

Another instance I was told by a close friend involved more physical harm than mental.

His night started with chatting and light drinking. After a few hours of chatter with the girl he met at the bar they became wrapped in each other's eyes and conversation.

Clothes and passion flew wild once they were back at his house, but digging her nails deep into his back and tearing them down his spine.

Neither the vast array of colorful shots nor the several whiskey drinks could relieve the pain. He clenched his bed and bit his lip while trying not to cry.

The pain made him begin to wonder if he was bleeding. At least he had dark sheets, he thought to

These nights can cause both physical and mental anguish at times or can prove to be enjoyable vices of relaxation. There are ways to help ensure those nights don't take a turn

red flags. This applies to both ex-

A purity ring won't get into your bed, and an ex-girlfriend won't leave

If you find a girl who falls into that happy median of class and relaxed moral standards, then there are

still warning signs for some cases. first person she has kissed that night, the flag has begun hoisting itself. This might not seem like a big deal, but there are other signs that will determine whether or not to continue alcohol.

bedroom, this could lead to more of drive or two?

came back to his house with a bunch his luck turned on him. She began the flag's ascent. Most guys won't see these steps as a problem yet until

For example, if you can do things to her that requires more fingers than are used to go bowling or knows more positions than a book on Kama Sutra, this is a red flag.

These things all lead to the realization that you may be with a woman who has taken down more men than AIDS and has possibly given it

For our readers who are not as familiar with male STD checks, a nurse will take a cue tip-like swab and place it into the man's penis. Then she will swab around to make First of all, pay attention to the sure she gets a good sample. To say the least, this is not a pleasant expe-

> However, after several nights with self-proclaimed sluts, the claw and professional bowlers, this is an unfortunate yet necessary aspect involved in a culmination of one-night

We could conform to society's For example, if you are not the old ways and proclaim, "No sex before marriage!"

But just think how much more exciting our weekend stories are with the mistakes brought about by

Besides, who wants to buy a If she leads you to your own new car without taking for a test

Writings on the wall

your pursuit.

Paul Randall Adams Guest Columnist

is filled with so many unanswered questions every time I walk into



I ponder the test that I've just finished or the concert I'm about to play. I question my choices in classes, my sanity for taking as many hours as I do. And then life's biggest question crosses my mind.

Why do so many people go to the bathroom with pens, pencils and markers in their hands?

Admittedly, it's kind of fun to read the remarks that people leave on the walls.

Libel against fraternities, racial slurs. Comments about classes, teachers, this university. Look hard enough and you can find phone numbers, sexual solicitations, crude people display often. drawings and a slew of comments about the world.

Anonymity is a dangerous siren. She sings and entices bathroom obliged to. artists to their doom.

the bathroom wall that is addicting. The first time an artist pulls out his writing utensil and goes to make a mark, a strange excitement fills his belly. He can write whatever he wants because nobody will ever trace it back to him.

It is the things that people do when nobody is looking that truly defines their character.

Oprah once stated that real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not even a peasant can stumble upon a pearl every once in a while.

Often, people fall short of showing this kind of true integrity. There is an obligated type of integrity that

They donate to foundations because others are around; they buy Girl Scout cookies because they feel

People do good things out of There is an allure to writing on social obligation rather than out of the kindness of their hearts.

> How often do we help the homeless simply for the satisfaction of helping others? It is seldom that people do go

out of their way to do nice thing with no reciprocation. Those that can be seen picking

up trash on the sides of the road are inmates or members of some club, doing community service because they have to. Those that help out at soup

kitchens are members of a church - people who would be too embarrassed not to help out.

Where are the Underdogs in the world? Where is Superman?

They did all their work in secret your bathroom wall?

with only the satisfaction of knowing they had done good things.

Programs such as Crime Stoppers try so hard to encourage integrity, but merely fall short. Accepting payment for integrity automatically disqualifies it as integrity. Sometimes integrity, true honor,

can be found in giving blankets to the homeless - not foundations, but really finding a needy soul on the side of the road and offering him Sometimes it is simply offering

a smile to somebody in your class, buying lunch for that weird kid that everybody makes fun of. Sometimes it's saying nothing for fear that you may say the wrong things.

Integrity comes in all forms, in all situations. It's the things that we do when nobody's looking that really matter, that show who we really

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Demon basketball season tips off:

Lady Demons basketball gets season started on positive note

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

with a double-digit victory over the University of Arkansas-Monticello Cotton Blossoms, 85-61.

score in double-digits.

Led by senior guard Lyndzee Greene who had 15 points and eight Brooke Shepherd had 14 points, while Brittiany Houston and Britany Kinlaw added 10 points apiece to round out all the Lady Demons in double-digit

"I thought we played really focused," Head Coach Jennifer Graf said. "We did a good job handling the press and moved the ball around to get some good looks."

The Lady Demons did play focused only committing 13 total turnovers, five of which were in the second half. NSU also shot 42 per-turnovers, 16 of which were in the cent from the field, draining 31 of 74

It also had a 33 percent shooting night from behind the three-point line, 6-18.

The Lady Demons had a 42-30 lead heading into halftime. Coming out of the break NSU hit its stride he NSU Lady Demons started draining six of its first seven shots at its season off on the right foot the beginning of the second half to open the lead up to 55-43.

With 9:08 left in the game the Lady Demons widened the margin The big victory was due to the to 68-52, but the resilient play of the Lady Demons having four players Cotton Blossoms, allowed it to close the gap to 13, at 70-57.

> NSU rallied and put the game away with a 9-0 run capped off three-pointer from Greene and four consecutive points from Shepherd to make the score 79-57.

> "I thought we really did a tremendous job in the second half," Graf said. "We improved as the game went on."

> The game last night aganist Southern didn't go as well as hoped. The Lady Demons lost by the score

> The biggest miscue for NSU was turnovers.

> The Lady Demons committed 27 first half and the rest in the second.

> Brittiany Houston led all scorers with 17 points.

The Lady Demons look to get back to the court this Friday.

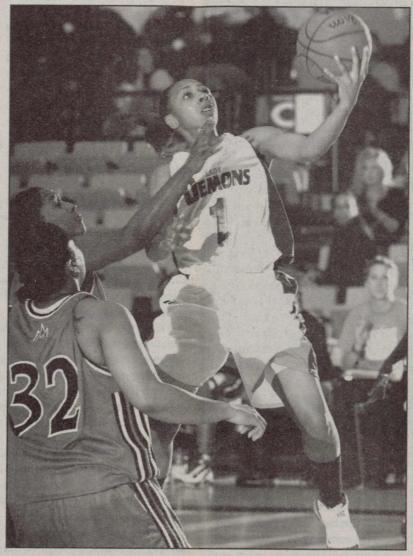


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Brittiany Houston (1) laying the ball up on her way to 10 points in the 79-75 victory of the Uninversity of Arkansas-Monticello.

Demons basketball dominate from beginning to end

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

T ot to be out-matched my the Lady Demons who played right before the Demons basketball team, who flexed its muscles with a big 77-54 win over East Texas Baptist this past Friday.

get to the Demons was 11 and that only twice in the first nine minutes of the game.

The big win was made easy thanks in part to senior guard Demon Jones who scored team high 16 points, while junior guard Devon Baker scored 15, from the bench.

NSU also had a big game from Charles Clark who had 10 rebounds to lead the Demons.

NSU also outrebounded ETBU by the margin of 54-46.

Not only did NSU win big, but The Demons got scoring from 12 different players.

Also, none of the players played for a long time throughout the game. 11 of the NSU squad played at least 11 minutes with no one playing more

"We're making progress," said NSU Head Coach, Mike McConathy. "The first half I was extremely excited, but we quit running the floor and defending as aggressively in early part of the second half. When we do those things, we're pretty ef-

"We've got to keep the tempo The closest ETBU would ever up. It was a lot more fun to see our guys enjoying what they're doing. They were pulling for each other," McConathy said.

Although the Demons are making progress in McConathy's eyes he feels that there is room for improvement, and the one glaring place to start is in the free throw department. NSU shot only 42 percent from the charity stripe (12-28).

The 42 percent from the strip Clark also added eight points. matches NSU's shooting percentage from the rest of the field for the

The Demons also had a 33 perthey did it with a variety of players. cent shooting percentage from the land of threes.

The Demons look to keep a hot hand as they travel to Lubbock, TX to take on the Red Raiders of Texas Tech, tomorrow night.

NSU will return home on Nov. 24th to take Houston Baptist.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Tight end Justin Aldredge (3) on his way to a 39-yard touchdown reception, in the Demons 28-21 loss.

Turnovers foil Demon comeback

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

ability to take advantage of scoring opportunities proved to be their downfall in a disappointing loss of 28-21 Saturday to Nicholls State University.

NSU turned the ball over twice in the fourth quarter and commitgame-tying touchdown.

On a pivotal scoring drive, offensive lineman Eric Pease committed a holding penalty that negated Harris' 39-yard touchdown pass to sophomore tight end Justin Aldredge that would have tied the close game

On the next Demon drive, NSU tailback Quentin Castille was hit by the Colonels' Garrick Spain, forcing a fumble that was returned for 10

Nicholls capitalized on the turn- a touchdown."

over. Colonels' tailback A.J. William scored on a 65-yard touchdown run.

The Demons answered back The Demon football team's in- with a 75-yard four-play drive that made the score 28-21

With a little over a minute left in the game, true freshman quarterback Paul Harris was picked off in the endzone on a fourth-and-nine pass from Nicholls 15 yardline.

Dominic Daniels' interception ted a holding penalty that erased a ended all hopes of the Demon football team avoiding its tenth consecutive loss of the season.

I can't ask for a better effort. Our guys did all they could but Nicholls made more plays," NSU first-year head coach, Bradley Dale Peveto said. "We defended them really well, all but four plays, three passes and the long run.

"We moved the ball well but had critical mistakes that cost us. We turned it over twice deep in their end. We had a penalty that wiped out

Offensively, NSU started the game sharper than a tack. The Demons opened the game with a 9-play, 67-yard scoring drive. Aldredge scored the first points on a one-yard

It didn't take long for the Colonels to respond.

LaQuentin Caston found wide receiver Antonio Robinson on an underneath route that was busted open for an 82-yard touchdown pass.

The next few drives, both the Demons and Colonels stalled but Nicholls scored before and after halftime to give them enough cushion to hold off the Demons

"Nicholls just played a better game than we did," Peveto said. They didn't play harder than we did, but they won."

This Saturday, the Demons hope to retain Chief Cado as they host Stephen F. Austin at Turpin Sat-

NSU's cross country season comes to an end

Courtesy of Sports Info:

unior Dusty Dischler and freshman Karensa Ellis were the top finishers for Northwestern State Saturday morning at the 2009 Southland Conference Cross Country Championships.

Dischler covered the 8k men's course in 27:24 and finished 60th.

The Demons took 11th with a 342 score in the 12-team race. Ellis ran 44th with a 22:59 time

over the 6k women's course.

While the Lady Demons were 28:21), Chris Lanier (82nd, 29:30), 12th with a 294 score. Lamar repeated as the men's

team champion with 38 points. While McNeese State was second with 65.

Host Texas A&M-Corpus scorecard in all eight meets. Christi defended its women's team title by scoring 58 points.

ond at 81 points.

the second finisher for NSU's men, and Courtney Hershberger (79th followed by Kyle Lessig (73rd,

Cameron Mehl (84th, 29:57), Matt Lanier (88th, 31:58) and Breshon Williams (89th, 31:58).

Ellis completed her freshman season by topping the Lady Demons'

Second for NSU was Allison Fontenot (55th, 23:45), then Sarah Stephen F. Austin finished sec- Emory (58th, 23:51), Andrea Warren (65th, 24:14), Redd Williams (72nd, Josh Crandell (68th, 28:11) was 25:12), Kirstie Jones (77th, 26:00)

Bs'in with the Bull: Why me?

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

f by now you haven't figure out that I am a huge football fan, well let me tell you I love football with all my soul. Now don't get me wrong I love all the other sports as well but football is like that warm blanky everyone had as a small

But, as of the past three weeks it feels like the football gods, who I won't lie to I pray to sometimes for a hail-Mary pass to be completed or a botched snap on a game-winning field for the other team, have just be giving me the proverbial finger.

The teams I love that are in college are the Northwestern State University Demons and the Michigan Wolverines. My NFL team is the Denver Broncos, and John Elway is the greatest quarterback of all-time, but I digress.

Now more often than not these three teams will all play in the same weekend. I have been a fan of these three teams for a long time and none weekend ever.

Now I know what your thinking, "Why are you telling us this?"

Well, I tell you this because the proverbial finger the football gods have been giving me just happened three weeks ago, is because all three of my teams have lost in the same

weekend. To me football can drastically change my mood.

If my team wins, I am the happiest person ever. But, if they lose you may not really want to talk to me un-

til the next day. With that said, what I want you to think about is taking the power of a nuclear bomb and force that all in one person. When all three teams lose, I turn in to a volatile walking

time bomb. I become very easily chippy with people and it's not a

I know this is a very silly thing of them have ever won in the same to get upset about, but let me break down what I am on the precipice of.

NSU could go 0-11 for the first time in like a billion years and we could lose Chief Caddo.

Michigan is on the verge of finishing the season 5-7, not making a bowl game for only the second time in literally 40 something years and the fact that they would have only beaten Ohio State only once this de-

As for the Broncos it's just the matter of being in the lead and losing said lead to the Chargers for the second straight season.

So, if you could for those that understand my plight, can we take a quick moment to pray to the football gods to shine just a bit of light on my dreary situation.



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Kappa Sigma Fraternity indefinitely suspended

David Royal News Editor

SU's Theta Mu chapter of right to live there. Kappa Sigma fraternity is all on-campus activities while the district grand master for the north Internal Board of Directors of the Louisiana region of Kappa Sigma fraternity investigate an alleged vio- Fraternity, to NSU to investigate the lation of their code of conduct.

Kappa Sigma Fraternity is look- violation, Horton said. ing into whether the local chapter ternity funds.

cused the fraternity of purchasing ing the alleged violation. the keg from Maggio's Package Li-Kappa Sigma Fraternity.

quarters immediately responded by chapter. launching an investigation, and explained that it is standard procedure for a chapter to be suspended until the investigation is completed.

Dean of Students Chris Maggio said the university is working with the Internal Board of Directors to help the investigation run as smoothly as possible and to make sure everything is accordance with the rules.

"Anytime there is an allegation of this nature, we act on it," Maggio said. "We're doing whatever we can to assist [Kappa Sigma Fraternity]."

The chapter's suspension, which began Nov. 13, means the members cannot hold any official meetings or activities under Kappa Sigma Fraternity will render its deci-Sigma's name, Horton said.

He added, however, that the 10 tenants of the Kappa Sigma house located on campus still have the

The Internal Board of Directors indefinitely suspended from has already sent George Jackson, the chapter's alleged code of conduct

Horton said that after interviewpurchased an alcoholic keg with fra- ing those accused of being involved in the incident, Jackson reported to Steven Horton, NSU chapter's Kappa Sigma Fraternity that there faculty adviser, said a student ac- was no substantial evidence support-

Horton explained that the next quor, and then university officials step is for Kappa Sigma Fraternity reported the student's statement to to look over Jackson's evaluation, and then it will make its decision on Horton said the national head- what should be done for the NSU

> Horton said it is his belief that everything will be cleared up and his chapter will be taken off of suspension soon, but added that the Thanksgiving break slowed down the process.

Horton said the members of the NSU chapter have been encouraged not to speak publicly about the incident, and said they have handled the situation well.

"They've been mature in the dealings with those that made the allegations, and have handled everything by the letter of the law," Horton said. "I couldn't be prouder."

Maggio said he suspects Kappa sion by the end of the semester.

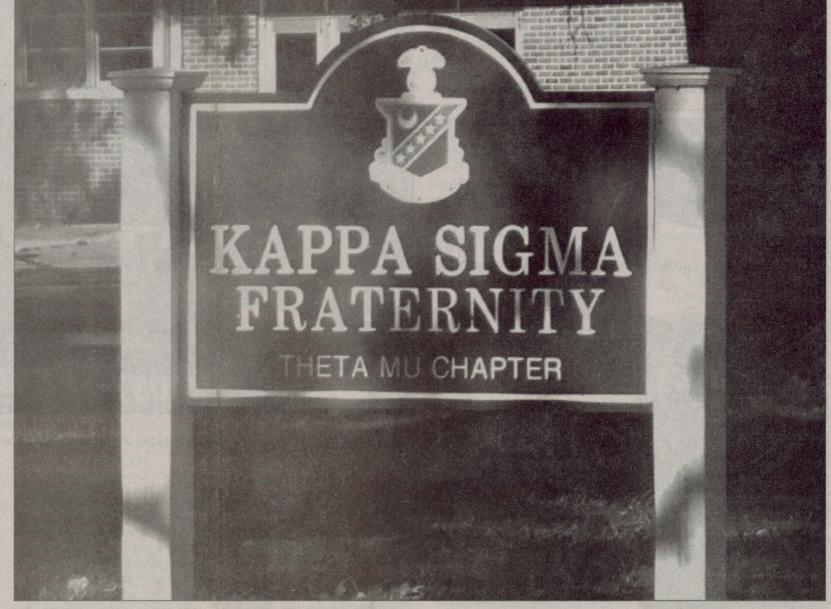


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The Internal Board of Directors and university officials are investigating the NSU chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity to determine whether members violated the organization's code of conduct. The local chapter is suspended from all on-campus activites until the investigation is complete.

- The SGA voted on 11 bills at Monday night's meeting.
- The Senate passed a bill to inform NSU officials that it is initiating actions to remodel the student fee system.
- The Senate passed a bill that will recommend that NSU Police direct traffic at the Kyser Hall crosswalk to increase safety.
- SGA will suggest to SODEXO that they allow students' declining balance to be used for all SODEXO products.
- The Senate plans to request that NSU officials will pay to have the skunks present on campus captured and relocated.
- Ruth Wisher was voted in as new Academic Affairs commissioner.

Health Services prepares for vaccination clinic

and Natchitoches community, and

Stephanie Campbell, director of

health services, said she strongly en-

of the H1N1 vaccine left from the

state's original shipment, and Camp-

There are still about 40 doses

courages everyone to take part.

David Royal News Editor

SU Health Services received an additional 1,000 doses of the H1N1 vaccine Monday and has set a date for a mass vaccination clinic.

The clinic will be Nov. 9 in the east concourse of Prather Coliseum from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The vaccination process is free and lasts about 30 minutes. Photo identification will be required.

tire NSU student body, faculty

The clinic is open to the en-

bell credits this to students not being sure if they fall under the high risk

"Anyone who is under the age of 24 is at risk and should be vaccinated," Campbell said.

"That includes just about all stu-

Anyone who is in the health

care field, is pregnant or is caring for

or living with infants under the age of six months is also recommended to get vaccinated. To encourage the public to get

vaccinated, NSU Health Services will enter all participants' names into a drawing for prizes. Campbell said that the prizes

will include gas cards, gift cards to Barnes and Noble and local restaurants and possibly a Nintendo Wii console.

If not all the doses are given at the mass vaccination clinic, Campbell explained NSU Health Services will return to its current process of giving the vaccine in its building.

Education Dept. reaches out to high school principals

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

SU has been selected to participate in the Louisiana School Turnaround Special-

The program will target schools with low performance scores based on standardized testing.

The program will help new principals who have been assigned to schools needing academic assistance. To qualify, a principal must have been in his position for three years or less and be nominated by the superintendant of the district.

Candidates for programs will be chosen at the state level.

The program is based at Darden School of Business at the University of Virginia and is still in the developmental stages.

Courses will be individualized and tailored to meet the specific needs of the principal and the school, said Vickie Gentry, the dean of the Teacher Education Center.

"There are so many different curriculum models that are on the market," Gentry said.

"It is not about any particular math or reading or writing program. It's all centered around the principal of that school I ading his or her faculty to engage and reform."

The course will be 18 hours and will start next summer.

Faculty members involved in the program throughout the state have started the rigorous training process at the University of Virginia, which has been compared to earning a degree within a week.

Louisiana Tech, LSU Shreveport and UL Lafayette are a few of the other schools that were selected to participate in the program.

"The impact of this program

will be tremendous, both at the state and national levels," said Wendell Wellman, an education instructor at NSU. Principals who go through the

program will have their coursework online and have faculty visiting their school, but will be required to come on campus periodically throughout the semester, Gentry said. "It's a great opportunity for our

faculty to go out to those schools and see what the real issues are," Gentry Informational meetings have

taken place, but the program is not yet ready to make nominations.

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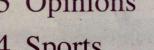
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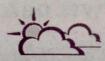
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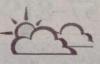
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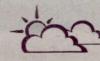
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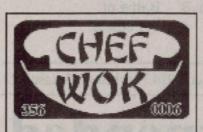






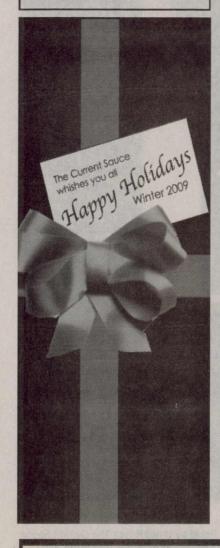






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NSU student finds hope out of despair

Shelita Dalton Sauce Reporter

lthough natural disasters, like Hurricane Katrina, produce devastation, one NSU student showed how good things can come in the midst of bad situations.

New Orleans native and junior english major Stephanie Maney, along with her husband, has created a way for separated families to unite, through gift cards. Maney came up with the idea during an adverse time in her life.

"Christmas of 2005 was horrible, I was without my family members (due to Hurricane Katrina) and I started longing for them," she said.

"I started writing little notes about missing them and the only thing I could come up with was, 'Christmas without you is like...' and then I just started writing."

Maney says she wanted to turn her writings into something to show people that they are not forgotten. So, she made the writings into cards and took them to a graphic designer.

"I pitched the idea to a Christopher Bell, Registrar Lille Bell's son, who is a wonderful graphic designer and he agreed to help," she said

She adds that the cards are currently being handmade, by Bell, until they can generate more revenue. Maney says the main purpose of the company (Genesis Creations) is to let people who have gone through natural disasters know that someone is thinking about them and they are remembered.

"Our cards are gift cards, they

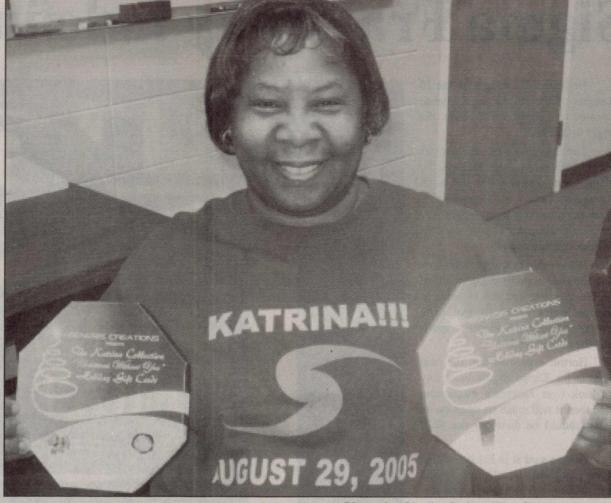


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NSU student Stephanie Maney holding the tops of the boxes that encase the gift cards

Maney says she is also getting ready to launch another phase of gift card collections for Valentine's Day.

"This collection will be titled 'My Cherie Amour' and these are cards you wear," Maney said.

will never be known as greeting wear them because you will wear cause this is where she came after and we're going to take it abroad."

one part and your mate will wear the other part; so you must be together."

Maney says she and her husband have launched the company as a complete out of pocket expense, but she believes it will all be worth it. She adds that Natchitoches also "You have to be a couple to plays a big part in her company be- we're going to represent both cities

Hurricane Katrina and she's been

"I want people to know that Genesis Creations is a twofold representation of New Orleans first and Natchitoches second," she said.

'This is what we're going to do;

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Long lives tradition at NSU

Lacie Epperson Sauce Reporter

he Anthropological Society is a continued tradition since 1971 and has been a student organization since 1974.

Anthropology is the study of humankind. Anthropologists study all aspects of society and culture.

The students, faculty and alumni members of the Northwestern State University Anthropological Society do just that.

From guest lectures to field trips, the Anthropological Society is always doing things to better the members' knowledge of different cultures.

Dr. Pete Gregory has had the pleasure of being both a student member and now an advisor for the organization.

One of the many traditions of the organization is Basket Day at the Christmas Festival. Basket Day is held at the downtown Museum.

People from all over the South Eastern region come to buy and sell one of a kind hand crafted items.

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Be Frank: Three "L"s

Bethany Frank Opinions Editor

r o m childhood are taught to dream of a happily ever af-

We witnessed the princess kissing the frog, sang

along to "Kiss the Girl" as we sat at the edge of our seats waiting for Eric to get a clue.

We watch these things, witness these "magical" moments with little regard to what they mean.

Not every frog is a prince, and not every kiss will make your dreams come true. But it isn't the cynical part of romance that needs to be brought to attention, but rather what this delusional romance encourages.

"Like," "love" and "lust" have become interchangeable throughout

When you are raised dreaming of Prince Charming and are continuously blinded to negativity and conflict, there is no possible way for you to have a healthy understanding of the three "L"s nor experience a true "happily ever after."

Love is an immensely powerful and passionate emotion. Some folks en argue that it could bring peace and stop war. But love alone is not and will not ever be the answer.

Aristotle spoke of balance in life. Too much of anything is bad. But if you have a balance then you inevitably find your virtue.

courageous he will die fighting a battle he could never win. But if a and subservient never knowing the thrill of a good fight.

Love is the same way. If you simply have this extreme amount of love in your eyes and you lack its counterpart, you will die like the courageous man unaware of where you went wrong.

It is by understanding and opening yourself up to other emotions you are able to truly find a balance and a virtue.

Hate is this horrible word added in that proverbial "four-letter word" category that is band from daily vocabulary. But when you don't understand how to experience hatelove's counterpart—then you expose yourself to this emotional short cir-

Both emotions must have the potential to be experienced equally to reach true understanding. This doesn't mean you have to hate someone, you just need to have the ability.

It is like they say, "how can you experience and appreciate the light if you never witnessed the dark?"

You need these opposites in life of you will forever be inable to ex- you will forever struggle to find your prience the power of the emotion.

The problem returns though to the three "L"s.

When people lack the understanding of this balance and experi-For example, if a man is too ence this "short circuit," they confuse emotions and inevitably words.

Love has become overused in man is too cowardly is will die alone society as a way to express a liking or sexual attraction toward someone. Because of the lack of education while younger, people don't truly comprehend the power of hate and therefore struggle to understand the passion of love.

This then causing like and lust to almost fade away in society's vocabulary because since birth we are taught to "love everyone."

But when you don't understand what love is then it is easy and almost expected that it would be used to describe like or lust.

This confusion of the three "L"s then could be the cause for so many wrongs in our society. It could be the reason for the increased teen pregnancy, increased divorce rate or perhaps the increase in depression.

It is easy to watch a movie and dream of kissing the Frog Prince. It is easy to fall asleep with hopes of riding off in the sunset with Mr. Right and finally getting that perfect

But all you have are moments if you don't understand love. Because without the proper understanding, ideal "happily ever after."

Who Googled out love?

Paul Randall Adams Guest Columnist

ove lifts us up where we belong. Love will keep us together. Love is all we need.

And I will; always love you. Your love is like a river, peaceful and deep.

For generations artists, playwrights, musicians, poets and the like have found inspiration in love. You can hardly turn on the radio without hearing songs of love. You can hardly watch the television without seeing a movie about love.

I cannot think of many books that don't have a theme of love somewhere within their pages.

And yet, more and more often people are denouncing their belief in

Why? Love hasn't suddenly taken a furlough because of the world's recent budget crises.

Love can be defined as an illogical obligation to another person. That is a very cynical view, but truthful nonetheless.

What did the writers of the past discover that the skeptics of today are missing? What did Romeo and Juliet find that is giving people trouble today?

What is different today then all those years ago?

Love, in its purest form, takes time and effort. It must be cultivated and grown and waited patiently for.

But in this society of instant gratification, where one can get 259,000,000 results in .09 seconds while Googling "love," people are losing their patience with love.

It doesn't come quickly enough and it doesn't seem to yield any palpable rewards.

All we need is love, love's all

But the generations of artists who were never able to Google somehow managed to see the true beauty of a very existent love.

How do I love thee? Count the

But love is real. Truly real.

Another working definition for love can be found in Webster's dictionary - a profoundly tender, passionate affection for another person. Also, a feeling of warm personal attachment or deep affection, as for a parent, child, or friend.

True love - passionate "homerun, out of the park, fireworks in the sky" kind of love - cannot be truly discovered until people begin to embrace the other types of love in the

The Greeks had multiple words for love - maybe they were onto

one felt for his brother was quite dif- dream.

ferent from the love one felt for his

Knowing the distinction leads to a self-actualization that leads to finding true love. One has to be aware of the ability to love before they are able to display the ability.

But why is love so beautiful?

A Swedish proverb seems to sum it up best. "Love is like dew that falls on both nettles and lilies.'

Love is something that anybody can experience. Poor man, rich man. Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Sailor. Black, white, green, blue. Whatever you are, and wherever you may be, love can find you.

Perhaps people fear love. Perhaps people are scared.

It's illogical, it's rash, it's irrational. It's crazy and follows no form. It cannot be controlled or rationalized or even made sense of.

> Love just is. So where do you fall short?

What about love do you fear? When you Google love, you'll

start to see what people have known for generations. Love is not like Santa Claus. It

does exist.

Dr. Seuss summarized it best. "You know you're in love when you don't want to fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams."

Perhaps it's time to experience They understood that the love something much better than any

Happy Holidays!

Taylor Graves

Guest Columnist

ave you ever under a veil of bright Christmas lights? What about



strolled along a river looking at colorful set pieces lit up in the darkness?

If you are a resident of Natchitoches, these are two things you must do during the Christmas season. Natchitoches does everything big for Christmas, and a person can't help but fall in love with Christmas if they've experienced the spirit of this town during the season.

The Christmas season brings so much to the world. Of course there are the bright lights, colorful decorations and wrapped-up gifts everywhere, but Christmas brings more than just those everyday things.

During the Christmas season people actually treat each other differently. They try to put a smile on their face and be nice to others because it's part of the Christmas spir-

People travel to be with family they may not have seen in years. They sit around and talk, eat and enjoy each other's company.

Christmas brings a different

side out in everyone.

We may get caught up in the shopping, wrapping, cooking and decorating, but we also get caught up in the joy of giving a gift to someone we love. We get caught up in seeing the little cousins or siblings rip open

Santa's presents and smile from ear to ear because they received just what they wanted.

Christmas is about remembering traditions that only your family does. It's about being with your family each and every year, no matter how busy people are or how far away they live.

Christmas is a time for listening and caring about the friends and family you love.

Now, as college students, not everyone is able to see the family at Thanksgiving, Easter or sometimes even during the summer, but everyone makes that effort to go home to mom and dad to spend this special time of year with family.

There's just something about Christmas that makes everyone want to have a good time and be merry. Parents tell their children to put out cookies for Santa and then look forward to seeing that smile on their face in the morning.

Grandparents come to enjoy the food, gifts and family.

Friends give small or large gifts to each other to show how much

Everybody tries to make Christmas special, not for themselves, but for the people around them.

That's what Christmas is all about. It's not the gifts, food or even the town full of lights. Christmas is about doing something for others. It's about making sure that other people are having a good Christmas

So, to everyone reading, I hope you have a wonderful Christmas season with your friends and family. Merry Christmas!

Curtis Desselles Guest Columnist

he college campus used to be an instrument of social change.

The students were catalyst for

progressive thinking, and they were not afraid to express themselves. Growing up in the 1960s, I witnessed how a society could change for the better.

Today most Americans are complacent and fear any controversy or change. The atmosphere of political correctness is discouraging and stifles any new positive social movements.

What has happened to the youth? Have they become disillusioned at our way of life?

I do not blame the youth for giving up on nostalgia of college life because some of my generation have let them down. Although I succeeded with my own children at emphasizing the value of a good education, many parents have not. We were too busy making money in a fake economy to see the effect it had on our children.

Now is the time to right the wrongs of the past and save our most precious natural resource: our chil-

I would like to see NSU establish free-speech zones on campus. These designated places would provide for discussions of current events and social issues.

Before we can accomplish this,

we must get the students back on campus. I see less and less of the student body each day. The halls are empty, and the many clubs and organizations are devoid of members. The call to community service is dwindling, and many say they are too busy to give of themselves. Is the cause apathy or economic?

I believe the apathy is a direct result of our fast-paced economic world. Our children are expected to grow up faster and endure more than the previous generations. Technological advances are moving at the speed of light, and the gap between the classes is becoming wider.

Leslie White, an anthropologist, theorized that culture is the product of energy and technology divided by population.

This equation is all about the efficient use of energy. What does this have to do with college life?

The reason students are not on campuses is that they must work and go to school at the same time to achieve energy. The technology of online education allows for better energy efficiency.

The result is less students on campus and less involvement in university organizations and community services. What is the solution?

The only solution is to make it easier for students to go to college. The U.S. government must invest in our children and lessen the stress on them. An educated populous is the by-product of an educated govern-

Remember, all natural resources are finite. Our children are our greatest natural resource, and we must value them above all others.

Christmas spirit found | College then and now | Letter from the Editor

Joe Cunningham Editor in Chief

o our loyal readers and those who may have picked up an issue for the first time:

Two weeks

ago, we ran a column, "Opinionated Spirits: One night stand," featuring material that can easily be considered "adult content" and was, by some, considered sexist, crude and completely inappropriate. Please let me explain why this ran before many of you storm our newsroom and hang us all.

I, personally, hesitate to silence anyone. The First Amendment in our constitution allows for free speech, and I like to allow that freedom to our writers, and I feel pretty bad about telling someone "Sorry, your voice doesn't belong in our paper."

But please do not think for a moment that I believe freedom of speech trumps everything else, including what constitutes decency in our community. When I first read the column, it was everything I enjoyed in writing. Edginess and limit-pushing topics get things done.

However, in retrospect, I will concede that points could've been made without some of the ... colorful terminology used in the column.

There is no retraction here, no clarification to be made. As Editor in Chief of the Current Sauce, I apologize to those offended by "Opinionated Spirits" two weeks ago and to those who have lost faith in the paper because of it.

I can only say in my defense that, at the time, I was certain it would turn heads, but underestimated the effect of the words and phrases used in the column.

Was the writer wrong to write them? That could very well be the case, but I was the final step before publication. After reading the column, I should have better understood what effect this might have on

I also want to say to those who commented on the column online. those in favor and those opposed, fulfilled the purpose of a story - to start a discussion. So, to you who read and comment online, you have my thanks for your participation in The Current Sauce as reader and commentator.

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Demons finish dismal season

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter.

he Demon Football team ran the table in reverse, losing all 11 games this season.

On a rainy Saturday afternoon, the Demon football team faced the Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks.

The Lumberjacks defeated the Demons 19-10 and won at least a share of the Southland Conference and the coveted rivalry trophy, Chief

The no. 2 nationally ranked offense of SFA posted great numbers on the field, 410 yards, but the Purple Swarm defense of the Demons didn't break completely.

NSU held the Lumberjacks to 19 points, a score well below their nation's best 39-point average.

"I could not have asked for any greater effort from our team," firstyear Demons coach Bradley Dale Peveto said. "We were so close to winning this game, against a very good opponent. I'm so proud of our guys who refused to quit, who battled until the final horn."

The game was closely contested

for the first half.

The Demons drew first blood season reception record of 52. and punched in a three-yard run by

favor by scoring on their next drive.

SFA kicker Evan Engwall nailed yard drive of their own.

ahead their next time out.

SFA quarterback Jeremy Moses completed a 31-yard pass to wider receiver Graly Crawford for a touchdown to make the score 10-7.

The Demons would eventually knot the score.

Four minutes into the second quarter, John Shaughnessy, one of 14 true freshmen to play this season, kick a 20-yard field goal to finish a

Those would be the last points spot for the Demons football team. the Demons score in the 2009 football season. The Demons had 365 lected to the All-SLC Team. total offense yards.

Bradley Brown had a career-best seven catches for 139 yards while

season, breaking the school's single

True freshman quarterback Paul William Griffin to cap off a 71-yard Harris threw for 261 yards and connected with his targets 28 times out The Lumberjacks returned the of 43 and ran for 49 yard on 15 car-

"SFA made the pivotal plays to a 29-yarder to cap off a 12-play 62- get ahead and to stop us," Peveto said. "We made a lot of plays our-The Lumberjacks would pull selves, in all three phases, but they made a couple more and that was the difference."

The outcome sealed the first winless season in moder-day history for the Demons, who suffered a pair of 1-10 season in 1974-75.

However, SFA was able to complete a recovery from an 0-11 season in 2007 to capture its first conference championship since 1999.

Even though the season finished on a sour note, there was a bright

11 players from NSU were se-

Headlined by a senior defensive True freshman wide receiver tackle, Albert Smith was a first team

Senior safties Wesley Eckles senior wide receiver Darius Duffy's and Gary Riggs were selected for the



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Albert Smith (90) finished the season with 50 tackles, six of which were tackles for loss. He also had four sacks for minus 25 yards, and led NSU in quarteback hurries with 15, on his way to being named to the first team All-SLC team

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Kappa Sigma fined for violating code of conduct

Northwestern State University

David Royal News Editor

The Kappa Sigma Fraternity Board of Directors has fined NSU's Theta Mu chapter \$1,000 after ruling that members within the chapter violated the fraternity's code of conduct by buying a keg of alcohol with the organization's funds.

The Board of Directors began their investigation on Nov. 13 after receiving a tip from an NSU student, and the chapter was indefinitely suspended during the duration of the investigation in accordance to procedure.

When initially interviewed, Steve Horton, NSU's chapter faculty adviser, said he was confident that the Board of Directors had no substantial evidence against the chapter.

He said his assumptions were based on the findings of George Jackson, the district grand master for the north Louisiana region of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, who was sent to personally investigate the issue.

found the chapter guilty.

Horton explained that when he rectors' ruling, he was both slightly added that it could have been worse. worried and curious to see what the chapter's punishment would be.

chapters in the same situation have been given just a minor slap on the wrist and others lose their charter," Horton. "It really could've swung both ways."

cohol suspension as a result of members violating the fraternity's code of conduct in 2008 in an incident concerning their involvement in dress- chapter will fill out the necessary ing up in "black-face" and participating in a "slave auction."

The original requirements for having the suspension lifted included each member completing about raising \$50 for a philanthropy proj-finally learned from their mistakes. ect, Horton said.

Because they had not yet completed these requirements, the Board

Following Jackson's report, of Directors added the \$1,000 fine however, the Board of Directors still and a raised GPA requirement to the original list.

Horton said he thinks the punwas informed of the Board of Di- ishment is rough, but fitting, and

Since having the new punishment added to the list of require-"I've seen situations where ments to be taken off suspension, Horton said members of the NSU chapter have already raised the funds and completed the community service hours required.

"What they did was inappropri-The chapter was already on al- ate, but I think they met their discipline head on and fulfilled what has been asked of them," Horton said.

> Within the next week or so, the paperwork to request a lift of its alcohol suspension, Horton said. He said this process could take about two months.

Horton said he believes, that af-30 hours of community service and ter all of this, the NSU chapter has

> "You can only have so many learning experiences before people give up on you," Horton said.



Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce

The Internal Board of Directors ruled that the NSU chapter of Kappa Sigma Fraternity violated the organization's code of conduct. The chapter has been fined \$1,000 and is required to raise its grade point average

Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce Gov. Bobby Jindal discusses with NSU students about their experiences with working with the NSU Elementary Lab School. The tour of the school was one aspect of Jindal's visit to the university on Dec. 15.

Gov. Jindal visits university

David Royal News Editor

NSU officials and students hosted a relatively short-notice visit from Gov. Bobby Jindal Dec. 15.

The purpose of the governor's trip to Natchitoches was to observe, first-hand, how the university is operating in the midst of the state's major budget cuts.

Although they only had a few days notice, NSU President Randall Webb said he and his staff were pleased to have Jindal come.

"You're always honored when the governor can pay a visit," Webb said.

In addition to numerous NSU officials, Senator Gerald Long and Natchitoches Mayor Wayne McCullen were present for the governor's

The trip consisted of an informational presentation from NSU officials in Magale Recital Hall, musical performances from NSU CAPA students and tours of the NSU Ele- time in the elementary school ob-

Webb explained that, originally, pus for only an hour.

Jindal and his staff, however, decided to stay an additional hour as the tour was taking place.

Associate Provost Steve Horton, who helped organize the governor's tour and assisted with the presentation, said he was pleasantly surprised to see that the governor spent additional time with NSU.

"It is definitely a positive that he was interested enough to give us an extra hour," Horton said.

Webb said that Jindal seemed most interested in learning more about how NSU has evolved from a single campus to a properly functioning distance learning educational institution and how the elementary lab school operates.

Jindal spent the majority of the ana Tech University.

mentary Lab School and Williamson serving the different teachers and

"I think he saw that there was a Jindal's staff told NSU officials to real camaraderie in the school, and plan for the governor to stay on cam- more importantly, that the kids are learning," Horton said.

> Additionally, Webb said that NSU's culinary program showcased its department and skills by preparing a gift of chocolate chip cookies for the governor – one of his favorite

Both Webb and Horton agreed that they believed Jindal was genuinely interested in the university's programs and was impressed with what he saw and heard.

"I truly think he saw a positive force here at Northwestern," Horton

Jindal's trip is just one of other planned trips to higher education institutions across Louisiana.

He has already visited both Mc-Neese State University and Louisi-

Students postpone education to serve nation

David Royal News Editor

Typically around this time of the year, students are beginning to settle in to their new classes. This, however, is far from the minds of NSU students Seth Cotsopoulos and

This is because both Specialist Cotsopoulos and Private First Class Upton are preparing to deploy within the next month to southern Iraq with Natchitoches's local unit with the 2/108 Cavalry Squadron.

Cotsopoulos and Upton, who are each 20 years old, will be deployed for 400 days and are among thousands of other young men and

women who are not only pursuing a (SAW). degree, but also serving their nation in the Army National Guard.

This will be Cotsopoulos and Upton's first deployment overseas, but each said that they are as ready as they can be.

"I'm pumped," said Cotsopoulos, who has been in the National Guard for three years. "Most guys are kind of scared for their first deployment, but we've been training for it for the past six months, and I'm ready for it."

He said that he and his unit have been focusing on areas such as urban operations and convoy security. Cotsopoulos will primarily serve on the Squad Automatic Weapon

"I'm not nervous because I trust my equipment and the people I work with," Cotsopoulos said. "I just try to think positive."

Upton, who has been in the National Guard for nearly a year, reflected a similar sentiment.

"The main thing I'm worried about is how my family will take me being gone, but at least I know they will be here safe," Upton said.

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City water issues result in NSU closure

Andrew Bordelon Staff Writer

Breaks in the city's water pipes caused NSU to temporarily close at the start of the 2010 spring semester. Courtney Hornsby, the director of programming and planning for Natchitoches, said there were several breaks in the pipes as a result of the below-freezing temperatures over the previous weekend.

"The city experienced a significant decrease in water pressure," Hornsby said. "Crews worked all day to isolate the breaks."

Hornsby also said that several schools, along with NSU, closed to help decrease the pressure on the pipes while they were repaired.

NSU President Randall Webb explained that the university had no crucial reason to shut down the campus, but instead ended classes primarily to assist the city in restoring

wate pressure. NSU's Purple Alert system was in full effect that Monday to warn students of possible problems. Robert Crew, the executive assistant to the president, said he was impressed with the successfulness of the pro-

Crew said the university hopes to not overuse the Purple Alert system to the point when students disregard the messages. This most recent use was especially helpful for commuting students.

to and from campus."

Rumors spread throughout the day that the city would be under a boil advisory and that water in the city would be shut off, but she said that never happened. The breaks of the school closures," Wimberly were fixed and the water pressure said. was later restored.

trained professionals that worked around the clock all weekend," Hornsby said.

experienced over the weekend before when the extreme temperatures hit Natchitoches, she said.

Director of Natchitoches Utilistarted shutting off water meters ages. Saturday at private residences where water had ruptured.

"Our system was not able to berly said.

"The system did really well," he keep up with the extra demand over the weekend," he said.

Wimberly said people running water continuously in order to keep their pipes from freezing caused the extraordinary demand.

He also said that Monday the utility company asked certain busi-"It was effective in warning stu-nesses to cut back their water use in dents and saving them time driving order to decrease the demand being stressed on the city's water system. NSU was asked to cut back its use of its chillers and boilers in order to

"We were not the reason for any

Schools in the Natchitoches area "The city has a great crew of that closed did so for their own reasons, he said. Natchitoches Central High School's water meters were frozen that Monday morning, which Workers repaired the first prob- kept the school from having any walems with the water pipes the city ter. The school decided to close at 11 a.m. after discovering this.

The city's utility company was able to fix breaks and restore water pressure after different businesses ties Bryan Wimberly said workers and homes decreased their water us-

Everything was back into full service by Tuesday morning, Wim-

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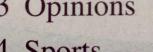
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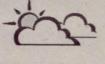
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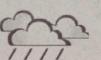
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Pipe damage halts first day of classes



Photo by: Sarah Cramer/Current Sauce Kristie Fields, the meter clerk at the City of Natchitoches Utility Service Center, answers a phone call from a local resident. Fields said the utility company recieved hundreds of calls about pipe problems when the temperature dropped

Sarah Cramer Staff Reporter

Last weekend's drastic temperature drop caused many Natchitoches residents to go without water, and gave NSU students off the second half of their first day of school.

The problem originated outside of campus when the city's water pressure began dropping. Physical Plant Director Chuck Bourg explained that this was a result of residents keeping their faucets running in order to prevent their lines from

"If [people] listen to the weather man say to go ahead and crack [their] pipes a little bit and everybody does that, then all of a sudden the pressure goes down really low," Bourg said.

The utility company called that

Monday to ask the school to conserve as much water as possible in

order to bring the pressure back up. "When the administration made the decision to go ahead and send everybody home and shut down at noon, that alleviated all the restroom problems and we gradually started building pressure back up," Bourg

The sudden pressure drop was not the only thing the city has been dealing with, however. Because of the low temperatures, water lines throughout Natchitoches began freezing and the pipes starting bust-

Several students that live offcampus experienced these problems in their own homes. Senior biology major Sarah Timmons went without water for five days after her neighbor's pipes busted.

"It was miserable," Timmons said. "We had to go everywhere to take a shower. I had to go up to school to brush my teeth, but then the school didn't have any water, so someone had to give me a water bottle so I could brush my teeth."

The school did not have many busted pipes and experienced little

"We experienced some minor busted water lines-basically some outdoor lines, like over at Warren Easton Lab School, and some minor things at a couple other buildingsthat our people were able to go ahead and repair," Bourg said.

There was also some minor flooding in Fournet Hall after a pipe busted on the second floor during the previous weekend, and the fire sprinklers at University Place Phase 1 went off, also as a result of a busted

And, at around 8:00 a.m. Monday, the fire alarm in Russell Hall went off as a result of the drop in

Bourg explained that the alarm sounded as a warning that, in case of an actual fire, there would not be enough water pressure to set off the

"It has to have a constant pressure on it, otherwise it faults," Bourg

"In case the building were to catch on fire, there wouldn't be enough water in the system."

The city was able to have the water pressure back to normal by 4:30 p.m. Monday afternoon.

Bridal/extrava

Taylor Graves Staff Reporter

Brides to be from surrounding areas attended the Blush and Bashful Bridal Affair Sunday afternoon at cave was a big hit, but not all men the Natchitoches Events Center.

"The Blush and Bashful Bridal Affair was a huge success," Meagan Morace, Natchitoches Events Center employee and sophomore hospital management and tourism major,

The Events Center was decorated white linens and pink tulle to resemble the famous blush and bashful themed wedding in Steel Magnolias. Vendors littered the Events Center's choices helped many brides with the decisions they have to make.

choices I had," Rachel Oliver, freshman general studies major, said.

Door prizes donated by local stores and vendors were given away throughout the afternoon. The most expensive door prize was a jewelry set worth \$2,000.

plastic ring," Morace said. "Whoever found the ring got a set of jewelry worth \$2000."

their future husbands, so the events center," Morace said.

Events Center made sure to be ready to entertain the men as well.

"The man cave was a room with food, couches, video games and big screen TV's," Morace said.

Morace also expressed the man

"[My finance] went to the show, but he stayed with me the whole time," Oliver said.

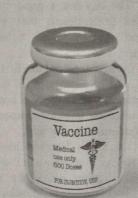
Toward the end of the afternoon, attendees were able to watch a fashion show with clothes and models from Natchitoches businesses. Women displayed bridal gowns, bridesmaid's dresses and mother of the bride dresses. The men modeled the latest styles in tuxes. Outfits for show room floor. The number of the flower girl and ring bearer were also put on show.

The bridal affair and man cave "It helped me realize all the were sponsored by local Natchitoches businesses. Cane River Electronics and Terrell Brothers sponsored and donated to the man cave while the City of Natchitoches and KP Jewelers supported the bridal af-

With Natchitoches growing as "My favorite part of the show a wedding destination, the Natchiwas when four contestants stuck toches Events Center has hosted their face in a huge cake to find a multiple bridal shows which get better each year.

"I heard from several vendors and participants that the show was Most brides were accompanied the best Bridal Affair yet at the

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It's been far too long, my friends, since I've gotten to rant at you all, and it feels good to be back. So, let's talk politics.

It's coming down to the wire as the Democratic party tries to pass the top priority of the Obama administration: a new health care bill.

"Obamacare" is a comprehensive plan that is, according to the bill, supposed to take a bunch of money and flush it into the states to bribe them to be for a new health care system. As for the actual benefits, I have no freakin' clue.

Up until his announcement to send more troops to Afghanistan, and Senate proposed we spend was greater than what we've spent on me. both wars (Iraq and Afghanistan)

And, here's the awesome thing, we want to spend it in a recession. I, for one, am glad I did better in my economics class than our leaders.

We're supposed to stockpile money in good economic times, and spend the surplus in the bad. We're only doing half of that.

any money. The most powerful nation on earth also has the largest

have and raise taxes during a recession, a theory which would actually get you stabbed by an economics

BS'in with the Bull: Unbelievable

the amount of money the House to the "deal" Harry Reid struck with on both sides, too, her. That doesn't matter as much to

> While I am fairly certain a majority percentage of people in Louisiana don't want this bill to pass, it shows she sort of cares about Loui-

Now, don't get me wrong. I would love a revised health system. I have two big problems with this bill. The first problem is the fact that I see all of this taking place and not once Why? Because we don't have were we, as a people, asked what we

Barack Obama gets into office and immediately says to the So, let's spend money we don't Democratic leaders, "Get it done by

> Along the way, they didn't listen to us, the majority whom don't want it... at least, according to the

My other problem, like I've said, is the fact that we want to spend all this money when we don't have

I don't know how many checks have to bounce before the government says, "Uh, we can't spend any-When I first got my checking

account, it took one bad check to let me know that I should wait until I have money to spend it.

I don't like it when the bank sends me angry letters.

Even as I write this, Scott Brown has been announced as the winner of the senate race in Massachusetts, which, according to some, is a huge blow to the bill.

Now the Democrats are going to do something unthinkable: rely on Nancy Pelosi.

I wouldn't do anything like that. Ever. Primarily because I don't trust anyone who looks like the main antagonist of an "X-Files" episode.

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Mary Landrieu, a woman I have never really had a problem with until I've never really been confident recently, is accused of selling Louithat those people listen to us. They siana out., of taking bribes or whathave their partisan agendas, and, ever negative slant has been given frankly, their agendas suck. And it's

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

love football.

If you haven't seen that by now. then vou haven't been reading this col-

umn, and if you haven't ... why the heck not? But, I digress.

This football season has been very odd to me. You could have told me at the beginning of the season that the Saints would have made it to the NFC championship game, a 40 reer, but lead his team to the NFC Also, Brett Favre.

Championship.

You could have told me that a team that was 4-12 the season before and with a rookie head coach and quarterback, that they would be in the AFC Conference championship. Oh and also that the Lions would win a game much less two.

You could have said all that to me in the fall, and I would have thought you were crazy and off your

I would also use what you told as fodder for peaceful sleep as I laugh at you on my way to la la land. right, and I honestly can't see how.

The Saints, I know I'm going to catch flack for this but, are getting so very lucky it's just not funny. Some year old man, would not only have of the games they won they should the best statistical season of his cannot have even been close to winning.

Who would have thought that he would have his best season ever. Not only did he have his best season but it was his best season by far, with him only throwing eight intercep-

tions, the lowest amount ever.

The Jets have completely blown my mind. Even if they could have had a grip on the space time continuum and brought Joe Namath back, I still would not have believe that they would have beaten the Chargers, who had won 11 straight I mind you, this past Sunday.

And as far as the Lions go, well, However, you would have been they looked much much better this

So I say all that to tell you, don't ask me who is going to the Super Bowl, because honestly at this point in time after everything that has happened, I'm a little scared to tell you

Fading fads

Paul Randall Adams Staff Columnist

Tula hoops, yo-yo's, slinkies. Remote controlled cars, model airplanes, Stretch Armstrong.

Fads. Trends. Out of style. For every generation, there has

been some kind of trend, so fad that faded just as quickly as it began.

Kids were hooked, instantly, on things such as origami, pop rocks, Tshirts that are far too large.

Fads come and go in modern society, that's just a simple fact. Things stop being cool.

Patriotism is one of those faded trends, one of those outdated fads.

After World War II, people lined the streets throwing parades for returned soldiers, offering them a hero's welcome.

During the war men wanted to sign up for the military. Many men were desperate to show their support of the war efforts toward world peace. Many were willing to stop the abominations that were hailing in Germany.

It was among the highest honors to be a soldier.

Women waited impatiently for their fiancés, husbands, boyfriends, sons to return from war.

Each day they would write letters and try to busy themselves and go about life as if everything were normal. And when they were finally re-

united with their other halves, they would celebrate and rejoice for a safe return. Door steps were decorated with

flags year-round and patriotic tunes reigned supreme on the radio sta-The Fourth of July was remem-

bered, not just celebrated but reflect-

It was "in" to be patriotic. Today, that sense of patriotism

is all but lost.

Lee Greenwood is still proud to be an American, and the pledge of allegiance is still said daily, but where is the feeling behind these

sentiments?

Men are more reluctant to fight a war that many feel is not ours to

Women are less willing to wait for soldiers. We are less likely to support the war efforts.

Where has our American sense of pride gone? We've since stopped boldly standing up and backing up the decisions of our president and

Did we simply stop living by blind faith that they had our best interests in mind? Did we wise up and start thinking for ourselves?

Perhaps patriotism was truly a fad, something that's been extinguished. Perhaps we allowed our beliefs to be shattered, our dreams torn, with the chaos of the world

There's something sad about the loss of this once revered pride. Soldiers are being disrespected by protestors nation-wide.

For instance, look at the protest at St. Joseph, Mo. in 2005. Protestors invited themselves to the funeral of a soldier who was killed in Iraq, only to announce that his joining the military was a sin against God.

According to a report from Kansas City news, one protestor even bore the message "Thank God for IEDs." IEDs are explosives that insurgents use to blow up military

Soldiers should be treated with respect. They have seen things that many of us will never have to face. They have witnessed acts that we should never have to witness.

Soldiers literally face the fire and take the bullets that we will never have to come into contact with.

You may not agree with the beliefs of presidents, past, present or future. You may not agree with the reasons for being at war.

That's completely fine.

But the fact still remains - we are involved in a conflict. We are all caught up in this vicious cycle. And were it not for the sol-

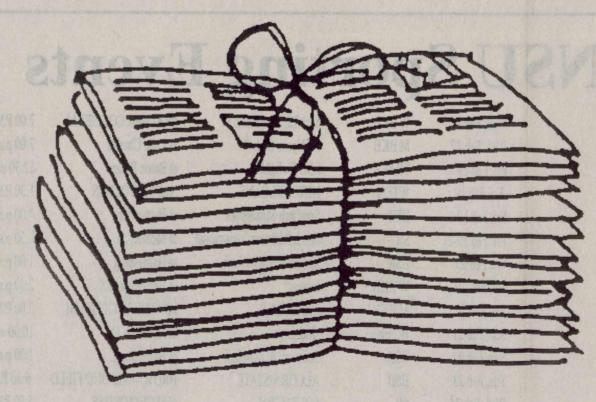
diers, the military nurses and doctors, those behind the scenes in the military, we would have to be facing those brutalities ourselves.

So don't let the fad fade. Let those who are fighting know that they're fighting for something. Support your soldiers - they're

working hard to support you.

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Demon basketball starts new year out shaky

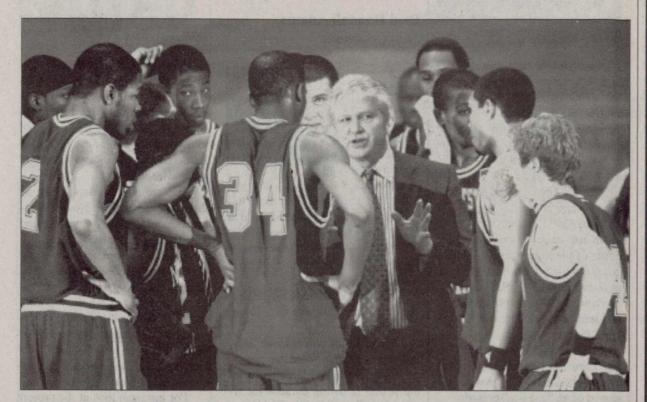


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Coach Mike McConathy advises his team during a time out in the 95-89 loss to the Souther University of New Orleans Knights, on the first home game for the 2010 season.

Jimmie Walker Staff reporter

oing into the new year, the Demon basketball team's If the team's New Year resfoot, it didn't come true.

The Demon basketball team has lost five consecutive games to start the new year, including three Southland Conference games.

The Demons' first game of 2010 was in College Station, Texas against Texas A&M.

The Aggies started fast and didn't let up against the Demons. Texas A&M had a 22-point lead over NSU in the first eight minutes of the

At the half, the Aggies led the Demons 49-24. In the second half, Texas A&M continued to cruise to

victory defeating the Demons 89-63. "In fairness, I don't think A&M was at a fever pitch in the second half," NSU Demon Head Basketball

Coach Mike McConathy said. "There were two teams giving good effort and trying to do good riod."

things within their systems.

able to salvage some things and make some progress."

The team shot 34 percent for the game, but kicked it up a notch in the second half shooting 47 perecent.

The Demons' first home game olution was to start off on the right of the new year would be a 95-89 defeat at the hands of the NAIA Knights of Southern University of New Orleans.

> SUNO would eventually get on a made 13 of 22 in the second half. scoring tantrum.

from behind the arc and took a 78-76 lead with 3:40 left in regulation.

The winner of the match couldn't be decided after the final buzzer so the game went to over-

"SUNO played like I would like NSU hosts Nicholls in Prather Colito see us play -- with tremendous effort and energy, unselfish ball movement, and with great focus," Mc-Conathy said. "I've been coaching a long time and that is as hot as I've

The Demons opened up South-So out of a really bad situation land Conference play in Thibodaux. and shirts.

for the first eight minutes, we were NSU started red hot, nailing 67 percent of the team's first-half shots.

> All of that would fade away as the Colonels' defense became stingy and offense fiery to help push them to a 79-72 comeback win over the

> Nicholls made 50 percent of their second-half shots and made 24 of 31 free throws.

NSU made 67 percent of their At the half, NSU led 35-23 but shots from the charity strip but only

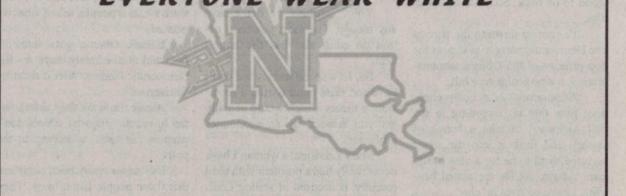
The Demons played their third SUNO made 12 of 17 buckets conference game Saturday against

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi. The Islanders escaped unscathed in conference play with a late push to give them a 98-83 win

over the Demons. This loss gave NSU their fifth In OT, the Demons fell behind straight of the new year and third and could never get within one score. conference loss. Next Saturday,

> The Demons hope to get their first win of 2010 as they try to put the beginning of year behind them.

Also, the game is being adverseen a team get for an extended pe- tised as a "White-Out," so all NSU fans are asked to come out and support the team and wear all white hats



SATURDAY, JANUARY 23 • 2 P.M. • PRATHER COLISEUM

Lady Demon basketball garner momentum in time for conference

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

he Lady Demons' stocking after the Christmas break was full of treats and lumps of coal.

The NSU ladies played six games over the course of the holiday break and finished with a 3-3 record during over the holiday.

The break started with a 93-62 victory over the Grambling Lady Tigers. Brooke Shepard led all scorers with 19 points.

Meredith Graf was second with 16, while Brittany Kinlaw and Jessica McPhail added 13 points.

Lynzee Green led the Lady Demons in rebounds with 9.

"We played a good solid game, we played well together and it showed," junior guard Brooke Shepard said.

The next two games in line for the Lady Demons would be marked down as lumps of coal.

NSU traveled to the University

of Memphis and Rice University and lost 73-58 and 57-48, respectively.

In the Rice game, Brittany Houston led the Lady Demons in points, with 15. Sherrion Thomas also had a

double-digit performance on the boards, leading NSU with 11. "It's tough when you have to travel," Head Coach Jennifer Graf

said. "Especially when you have to play quality opponents. That's still no excuse, we just looked a bit flat, but we will get things together and play the basketball we know we should be playing." Turn it around is exactly what

go on to win three of its next four

79-48, Nicholls 97-67, Southeastern Louisiana 79-74.

momentum going throughout all of conference play, we will be major players come tournament time."

The last game of the holiday schedule for the Lady Demons ended with a loss against Texas A&M-Corpus Christi by the score of 75-66.

Due to her back-to-back 20+ point games, Brittany Houston finds herself one of the Louisiana Sports Writers Association player of the week. Houston leads the Lady Demons in scoring with 12.6 points per

"It feels good to be selected," junior guard Brittany Houston said. "I wish that it could have been in a they did. The Lady Demons would total winning effort but, I'm honored

The Lady Demons look to get With the three wins coming back in action this Saturday as the aganist: Southern-New Orleans, play host to Nicholls. Tip-off is set for 2 p.m.

Also, it's part of double header "It felt good to get back on and a "White-Out," where everyone track," Graff said. "It's also really is suppose to come out and support nice to start conference out with two the Demon basketball teams by straight wins. If we can keep this wearing all white.

Calendar of All NSU Sporting Events

Fri, Jan 22	Track	Purple Invitational	at Baton Rouge	12:30 p.m.	Wed, Feb 17	WBKB	McNEESE STATE *	PRATHER COLISEUM	7:00 P.M.
Sat, Jan 23	WBKB	NICHOLLS *	PRATHER COLISEUM	2:00 P.M.	Wed, Feb 17	M BKB	McNeese State *	at Lake Charles	7:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 23	M BKB	NICHOLLS (DH) *	PRATHER COLISEUM	4:00 P.M.	Fri, Feb 19	TRACK	LSU Twlight	at Baton Rouge	-12:30 p.m.
Wed, Jan 27	WBKB	SFA*	at Nacogdoches, TX	7:00 p.m.	Fri, Feb 19	WTEN	NEW ORLEANS	NATCHITOCHES	1:30 P.M.
Wed, Jan 27	M BKB	SFA*	PRATHER COLISEUM	7:00 P.M.	Fri, Feb 19	BSB	Southern Mississippi	at Hattiesburg	4:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 30	TRACK	Indoor Track & Field	at Houston, TX	All Day	Fri, Feb 19-21	SB	South Alabama Invitational	at Mobile, AL	6:30 p.m.
Sat, Jan 30	WTEN	Louisiana Tech	at Ruston	1:30 p.m.	Sat, Feb 20	BSB	Southern Mississippi	at Hattiesburg	1:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 30	WBKB	CENTRAL ARKANSAS *	PRATHER COLISEUM	2:00 P.M.	Sat, Feb 20	WBKB	Lamar *	at Beaumont, TX	2:00 p.m.
Sat, Jan 30	M BKB	Central Arkansas *	at Conway, AR	4:00 p.m.	Sat, Feb 20	M BKB	LAMAR *	PRATHER COLISEUM	2:00 P.M.
Wed, Feb 3	WBKB	McNeese State *	at Lake Charles Civic Center	7:00 p.m.	Sun, Feb 21	WTEN	Houston	at Houston, TX	10:00 a.m.
Wed, Feb 3	M BKB	McNEESE STATE *	PRATHER COLIESUM	7:00 P.M.	Sun, Feb 21	BSB	Southern Mississippi	at Hattiesburg	1:00 p.m.
Sat, Feb 6	TRACK	Texas Tech Invitational	at Lubbock, TX	All Day	Tue, Feb 23	BSB	ALCORN STATE	BROWN-STROUD FIELD	6:30 P.M.
Sat, Feb 6	W BKB	TEXAS-ARLINGTON *	PRATHER COLISEUM	2:00 P.M.	Wed, Feb 24	SB	SOUTHERN	NATCHITOCHES	5:00 P.M.
Sat, Feb 6	M BKB	Texas - Arlington *	at Arlington, TX	7:00 p.m.	Wed, Feb 24	W BKB	TEXAS - SAN ANTONIO *	PRATHER COLISEUM	7:00 P.M.
Wed, Feb 10	W BKB	STEPHEN F. AUSTIN *	PRATHER COLISEUM	7:00 P.M.	Wed, Feb 24	M BKB	Texas - San Antonio *	at San Antonio,TX	7:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb 10	M BKB	Stephen F. Austin *	at Nacogdoches, TX	7:00 p.m.	Fri, Feb 26-27	TRACK	SLC Indoor Championship	at Norman, OK	All Day
Sat, Feb 13	WTEN	Southern Mississippi	at Hattiesburg, MS	10:00 a.m.	Fri, Feb 26-28	BSB	SFA Invitational	at Nacogdoches, TX	
Sat, Feb 13-14	SB	ULM Mardi Gras Classic	at Monroe		Sat, Feb 27	WTEN	LAMAR *	NATCHITOCHES	11:00 A.M.
Sat, Feb 13	W BKB	Central Arkansas *	at Conway, AR	2:00 p.m.	Sat, Feb 27	SB	Florida	at Gainesville, FL	12:00 p.m.
Sat, Feb 13	M BKB	CENTRAL ARKANSAS *	PRATHER COLISEUM	2:00 P.M.	Sat, Feb 27	SB	Florida	at Gainesville, FL	2:30 p.m.
Wed, Feb 17	WTEN	TULANE	NATCHITOCHES	12:00 P.M.	Sat, Feb 27	M BKB	TEXAS STATE *	PRATHER COLISEUM	2:00 P.M.
Wed, Feb 17	SB	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	NATCHITOCHES	4:00 P.M.	Sat, Feb 27	W BKB	Texas State *	at San Marcos, TX	4:00 p.m.
Wed, Feb 17	SB	PRAIRIE VIEW A&M	NATCHITOCHES	6:00 P.M.	Sun, Feb 28	SB	Florida -	at Gainesville, FL	11:00 a.m.
					Sun, Feb 28	WTEN	McNEESE STATE *	NATCHITOCHES	11:00 a.m

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SGA offers new scholarships

David Royal News Editor

he Student Government Association passed a bill Monday that will expand the organization's scholarship recipient list to include its departments' commission-

Although the bill cannot take effect until the next fiscal year, SGA's commissioners will be awarded a \$200 scholarship per semester.

The three departments that the scholarships cover are Academic Affairs, Student Affairs and External Affairs. The commissioner of the Internal Affairs will not receive the new \$200 scholarship because it is filled by the Speaker of the Senate, who already receives a larger executive scholarship.

SGA President Kayla Wingfield said the new scholarships will simply serve as a small reward for the commissioners.

"It's really the least we can do," Wingfield said. "[Commissioners] are asked to do a lot for the SGA, and until now, they did it all for free.'

Wingfield added that she hopes the scholarships will also serve as an incentive for future Senators considering filling the role as a commis-

"I think this will help people see that the sacrifice of time that comes along with the job is worth it," she

SGA Treasurer Shanice Major explained during the SGA's meeting on Monday that funding the three new scholarships would not be a problem.

nization's \$22,500 allocated for this semester, only \$13,162 is estimated to be needed at the moment.

This leaves roughly \$9,000 untouched and to be rolled over for the next semester's budget.

If nothing changes next fiscal year, funding allocated for SGA scholarships will be set to about

Other SGA news

At their meeting Monday, SGA Speaker of the Senate Patrick Brooks made a promise to those in attendance that by the end of this week, all of the bills passed last semester will be posted on the SGA Internet

Additionally, Brooks said that those who visit the site will be able to track the progress of the bill and whether the university officials have decided to take them into consider-

Also, Wingfield will be giving her State of the University Address Feb. 9 in the Ora G. Williams TV Studio at 6 p.m.

The speech will be recorded and televised on NSU 22.





Photo by Charlie Johnson/ The Current Sauce

The Demons basketball team pulls off an impressive victory over Nicholls State University in double overtime, 99-98. Junior guard Devon Baker leaves the air while taking a shot during Saturday's "White-Out" game. For more about the game, check out page four.

Northwestern State 'drops the axe'

Budget cuts result in university employees losing jobs

David Royal News Editor

s a result of an additional \$2.2 million cut in the university's A million cut in the land 19 budget, NSU informed 19 incumbent employees in December that their employment will

not be renewed the next fiscal year, said NSU President Randall Webb. Additionally, Webb said the university plans to send at least 20 letters to NSU personnel by March

1 informing them that they will no longer have their jobs next year. "There's nothing easy about

this," Webb said. "It's really heart wrenching." Webb explained that he hoped

the situation would not result in the loss of jobs, but said there was little choice after the state gave the higher education system an \$84 million mid-year cut.

"Our faculty didn't do anything wrong to deserve this," Webb said. "Unfortunately, it still had to be done though for financial reasons."

an instructor for the Department of done. Language and Communications, was one of the 19 employees who were informed in December that they would no longer have a job at the fiscal year was originally unex-

Sullivan, who had been teaching at NSU since 2007, said the let- the possibility of another mid-year ter she received from the university was straight to the point and gave no clear reason as to why she was los-

'[The letter] was short, very plain and very simple," Sullivan

vided in the letter, Sullivan said she understood why she and others were losing their jobs.

"Since last year, the university has did a good job of keeping us all informed of the budget situation," Sullivan said. "It at least wasn't a complete surprise."

Sullivan explained that she is obviously not happy with the situuniversity and state are in a difficult zen, which brings the total number

Samantha Sullivan, who was situation, and little else could be of eliminated positions at NSU over

Like last fiscal year's mid-year cut of \$2.1, Webb said this cut of \$2.2 for the remaining six months of

cut, but we had hoped it wouldn't happen," Webb said. This recent cut sets the state's

total reduction of NSU's funding up to 16.7 percent for the past year -\$49.6 million to \$41.3 million.

NSU positions being lost, how-Although no reason was pro- ever, is only one effect of the \$2.2 million cut, Webb said.

Funding for adjunct instruction has been reduced by \$600,000, student employment by \$100,00, graduate assistantships by \$125,000 and support budgets by \$650,000.

Despite cuts in its funds, no students or graduate assistants have lost their jobs, Webb said.

Also, 25 more vacant faculty ation, but added that she knows the and staff positions have been fro-

the past year to 101.

Other options that may be taken to alleviate the strain of the budget cuts would be to administer faculty and staff furloughs and to either eliminate or consolidate smaller "We tried our best to prepare for NSU education programs, Webb

> Webb said it is true that the university and state is in an extremely negative time, but added that NSU has been through times like this be-

> "It's always good to recall our history," Webb said.

> He explained that up until the past 20 years or so, NSU was one of the lowest funded higher education institutions in the state.

> The university did not begin receiving a significant amount of funding until recently, but Webb said NSU still managed to grow and produce quality students.

"Northwestern will keep functioning," Webb said. "We'll find a

The Board of Regents recently

"Now we were lucky," Abney

conducted a low-completer review

to find which programs had the least

amount of students finishing de-

said. "At Northwestern we didn't

have any programs on the lower-

Student center to be at 'heart' of campus

Taylor Graves Staff Writer

> onstruction plans for a new three-story Student Service Center on West Caspari Street are coming together.

The center will house all offices a student would need to communicate with NSU.

These offices include the Office of Recruiting, Admissions, Financial Aid and Scholarships, Enrollment Management, Registrar's Office, Student Accounting and One Card

"The Student Services Center will be a one stop shop for student services," said Chuck Bourg, director of physical plant operations.

The main idea behind the new center is to make transactions between the university and the students easy and convenient.

"It should be a more convenient location in the heart of campus to take care of all of the student's needs with respect to finance, registration and payment of fees," Bourg said.

NSU President Randall Webb agreed with Bourg that the center will be a valuable aspect to the uni-

"It will put a greater focus right in the center of the campus, where all of the university's major func-

tions can be found," Webb said. Although it is only a preliminary plan at the moment, Webb said he hopes to eventually have his of-

fice moved into the Student Service

Center once it is completed. Webb said he thinks it is only logical for him to be present in the mix of students and be more available if students have problems while

trying to handle issues at the center. NSU student Ron'eeka Hill said

she appreciates the convenience the new center will provide. "I am very involved on NSU's

campus, and every minute of my day counts and must be used wisely," said Ron'eeka Hill, a junior English major. "The new Student Services building will be an awesome way to get more accomplished in one stop."

Construction bids for the center will go out in the beginning of March with construction possibly commencing late spring 2010 se-

With the construction taking approximately 12 to 18 months, the center should be ready by the summer or fall semester of 2011, Bourg

With the building of the center, NSU is adding the first brand new building on campus in 30 years. Recent construction projects on the Wellness, Recreation and Activity Center and Williamson Hall were only renovations.

"[The Student Services Center] will be the first time since 1979 that a new building will be constructed from the ground up on our campus and shows a real positive sign of growth," Bourg said.

"Students should only have to go to one building in order to take care of business."

Committee reviews efficiency of degree programs

Sarah Cramer Staff Writer

ecause of the state's recent budget cuts, the Louisiana Board of Regents has formed the Louisiana Postsecondary Education Review Commission, requiring schools across Louisiana to take a look at their programs offered.

The ultimate goal of the commission is to find ways to potentially cut costs within degree programs.

"We know that we're facing some pretty tough economic times in the state," said Lisa Abney, NSU's acting provost and vice president

for Academic and Student Affairs. "Not just Northwestern, but all the budget issues, and this is a time that we've really got to start looking at our programs, and looking at those programs that maybe have decreased in popularity."

look at its own programs, to come up with ideas to present to NSU President Randall Webb and his Cabinet.

Then, he and the Cabinet will be making the final decisions to present to the board, which will be holding a review of the state's universities

later in the semester.

"We're trying to be proactive universities are having some serious so we'll have our ducks in a row to be ready for the Board of Regents," Committee Chair and Director of the School of Creative and Performing Arts Bill Brent said..

The committee, which is made NSU created the Program Re- up of members from each college at view Committee in early January to the university, is looking at the number of students completing the programs, as well as the costs of each program, as required by the board.

Each program on campus is being reviewed, and the committee is finding ways they can run as effectively and cost-efficient as possible.

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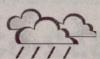
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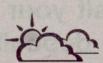
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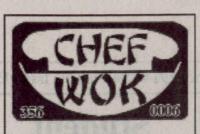






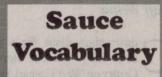






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Indigenous

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Function: adjective **Etymology: Latin**

1: originating in and characteristic of a particular region or country; native

2 : innate; inherent; natural

Synonyms: 1. autochthonous, aboriginal, natural.

Antonyms: 1. foreign, alien.

adverb: in*dig*e*nous*ly

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in*dig*e*nous*ness, in*di*gen*i*ty

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New Cajun eatery comes to Front Street

Taylor Graves Staff Reporter

To add to the changes around town and on campus, students now have the option of The Carriage Way, a Cajun deli on Front Street.

"Their food is some of the best Southern Cajun food I've ever eaten," Alex St. sophomore psychology major Romain, said.

The Carriage Way celebrated it's grand opening last Thursday with Natchitoches residents and NSU students.

Attendees were offered a variety of foods and drinks from the menu, including gumbo and jambalaya.

Kim Habig, the owner of Carriage Way Cajun Deli expressed that operators and chefs Layne Miller and Tim Brogen have several years of experience in the food and catering industry, making both men perfect for running the restaurant.

"We like to please people, and people who are enjoying food are happy," Miller said.

With this attitude, Miller and Brogen are open to offering any kind of food at The Carriage Way.

"We're offering Cajun food now, but nothing is out of bounds," Miller said.

Miller and Brogen both want to hear from costumers on what kind of food Natchitoches residents would like to be served

"If there's a big enough demand for a certain food, no matter how



Photo by Taylor Graves/Current Sauce The Carriage Way, in a once-empty breezeway on Front Street.

crazy, then it will go on the menu," Miller said.

"We like taking food and pushing it to limits it hasn't been taken to," Brogen said.

According to Habig, the Carriage Way offers sit down dining or take out food to accommodate all costumers, and promised that catering will be offered soon.

The history behind the Carriage Way's location played an important role in Habig's decision.

"I've been wanting to do this for a long time," Habig said.

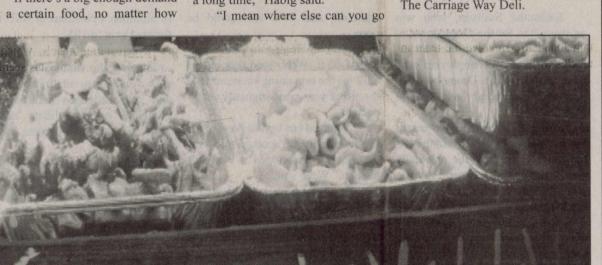
to get such authenticity.'

The Carriage Way is located in an original carriage passage used by residents during the 1800s.

Although The Carriage Way is located downtown and more convenient for Natchitoches residents and tourists, Miller and Brogen look forward to serving NSU students.

"We've always supported Northwestern," Miller said. "I truly believe Northwestern is what makes Natchitoches a special place."

Both men are looking into finding a way to draw NSU students to The Carriage Way Deli.



Poverty:

Top priority for Service Learning

Taylor Graves Staff Reporter

AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer, Jim Hurley, plans to organize events for NSU students to raise awareness of poverty and help the local poverty problem.

"Hurley was hired by the service learning department to help reach out to student groups on campus." Steven Gruesbeck, director of service learning, said.

Poverty became the service learning center's main focus due to information found through the US Census Bureau.

Louisiana has the second highest poverty rate in the United States, and 28 percent of citizens in Natchitoches Parish live below the poverty level, according to the US Census Bureau.

Since September, Hurley has focused on working with the staff and faculty, but is eager to work with students.

The campus is very friendly,

and it is nice to work with students genuinely excited to help, Hurley Hurley and the service-learning

center are trying to get NSU organizations involved in the Natchitoches Kid City program. Kid City is a grant-funded or-

ganization to help Kindergarten through eighth grade students in low-income families. Beta Beta Beta and Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE) are already

projects with the kids, Hurley said. "We're trying to develop programs college students can do to help educate our youth," Gruesbeck

working with Hurley to plan service

SIFE plans on teaching the Kid City participants about recycling and the effects of littering.

"We try to teach kids things from a young adults perspective," Kelvin Binns, president of the organization, said.

"SIFE has learned that students



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Photo by Taylor Graves/Current Sauce

AmeriCorp VISTA volunteer Jim

are willing to listen to us just because they know that we were just in their shoes only a few years ago."

SIFE members are happy to have Hurley as a contact and helper with planning service projects.

"He has allowed us to expand the age, race and gender of students that we are able to work with," Binns

"Through his efforts SIFE has been welcomed into different school and classroom settings that we otherwise were not able to obtain."

Although youth is a priority, the service-learning center understands other areas of Natchitoches are affected by poverty. "We are open to working to ad-

dress poverty with any community group," Gruesbeck said. Hurley is also willing to work

with student groups on projects other than poverty related. Other local organizations Hur-

ley and Gruesbeck plan to work with are the Boys and Girls Club and the LSU Agricultural Center.

They also want to work on organizing events for Green Week of Service during April for students to get involved.

Fast Fact

May. 12, 2008. About 70,000 people were killed and 18,000 people were reported missing after a 7.9-magnitude earthquake struck Sichuan, China.

July 15, 1991. Mt. Pinatubo on Luzon Island in the Philippines erupted, blanketing 750 square kilometres with volcanic ash. More than 800 died. Every year about 98% of the atoms in your body are replaced.

May 3, 2008. Cyclone Nargis, swept along by winds that exceeded 190 kmh and waves six metres high struck the Burmese peninsula and may have left as many as 100,000 dead, according to U.S. estimates.

1900 to present. Malaria is one of the leading causes of death in the developing world even though it is curable and largely preventable. According to the World Health Organization, malaria causes severe illness in 500 million people each year and kills more than a million annually.

On February 11, The Real Views and Natchitoches Nursing and Rehab will host a fundraiser for the people of Haiti.

Natchitoches Nursing and Rehab will provide jambalaya dinners for \$5 per plate. Help them reach their goal of selling 1000 plates. All profits go to The Real Views Haitian Fund.

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Half the Battle: On many topics

Joe Cunningham Editor in chief

s of 9:45 p.m. on the night before this is-

sue goes to press, I am totally clueless as to what I should lecture you folks on.

Perhaps we can discuss the

professors of this school who feel the need to tell their classes that they keep every issue of this paper so that they may one day come to me and tell me just how wrong we are in our statistics and data.

You know, I am all for you coming to me to tell me that we're wrong. I know we make some mis-

I'm not so much in favor of you publically announcing to your classes how terrible we are without

coming to me first.

My e-mail address is at the top of this page, so please feel free to contact me so that we can discuss your complaints.

Then again, we could discuss the Supreme Court's decision to poke the average American voter in the eye.

The Supreme Court decided to ease the restrictions on big corporations concerning how much money they can spend on political advertisements, etc. and labeled it as an issue of free speech.

What the Supreme Court has done is effectively made big corporations political citizens, giving them rights they didn't need.

That probably deserves its own column, though.

Or we could discuss the Saints. The only thing I can say, though, is "Who dat?"

Moving right along, Conan

O'Brien versus Jay Leno. In what was possibly the greatest move in order to pick up ratings for a week, NBC knocked on O'Brien's door and said "Hey, you're underperforming, so we're giving your slot back to the guy you replaced and you're going to move to after midnight."

Oddly enough, O'Brien replied with "Uhh... no?"

It sparked the Late Night War of 2010, one of the biggest conflicts in recent military history.

Possibly the greatest coup in history, Leno managed to wrangle his old job, effective March. Meanwhile, O'Brien got

compensation in the Treaty of 11:35 by getting \$32 million for himself and \$12 million total for his crew.

The only good thing to come out of this war was the increased ratings all late night shows got for their excellent jokes on the subject.

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Middle Child POV: Fashion statements

Paul Randall Adams Staff Columnist

he clothes make the man. phrase we've all heard a thousand times.

For in-

stance, whenever a man walks in

And to some ex-

tent, it could be

for a job interview wearing jeans with holes in the knees and a wrinkled shirt, he will not be considered as seriously as one who dressed

Or, for instance, it's easy to tell the difference between an investment banker and somebody who is homeless.

But, the question remains do the clothes truly make the man? Or does the man use the clothes to make a statement?

This society has grown ridiculous in its use of fashion.

Sure, there are those who dress outrageously, like the recentlypopular Lady Gaga.

And yes, there are people in the world like Tyra Banks who make a living informing the world of the latest fashion.

Often people talk about fashion statements. Stacy and Clinton on TLC's "What Not To Wear" often ask things like, "What is this statement? Besides 'I'm hideous,' I mean."

But there is a clear difference between a fashion statement and a screaming match, which is what collegiate fashionistas seem to aim for as of late.

It's affable that collegians are expected, in this day and age, to dress fashionably.

Especially when this expectation is upheld by the students'

There aren't many students who truly have the time to absolutely look presentable in the mornings.

After staying up far too late, finishing that assignment they'd forgotten about, the last thought that crosses one's mind is dressing nice-

The clothes make the man. If that were true, then the Goodwill shoppers of America would never be the same person.

How many judgments can truly be made on somebody who wears jeans and a t-shirt daily?

It is not uncommon for girls to make fun of their peers for wearing the same sweatshirt days in a row, or for wearing jeans that are not in vogue.

It's not uncommon to hear comments about the guy who wears flip-flops during the winter, or the girl who wears that silly cardigan every day.

But, in all honesty, fashion doesn't matter.

As long as the clothing isn't offensive, or revealing in a way that makes others uncomfortable, then it doesn't really affect anybody else.

And therefore, it is nobody

Admittedly, I am known to make fun of clothing, but even then, it's kept in mind that what somebody else is wearing does not affect me. This world is funny.

We are so quick to make fun of the way others dress, and speak and walk. We often look for flaws on others, merely to point out

But is it a flaw to wear the same jacket every day?

Does it make you less valuable as a person to not be up-to-date with the requirements of style?

That is so silly. The energies spent on such judgments should be focused on something more use-

ing others and less time perfecting ourselves, think of where we would be as a nation. If the color that Hayden Pa-

If we spent less time judg-

nettiere dyed her hair is what is topping the news page on MSN.com, then there is a problem.

So work on it. Make a See where you, as a per-

son, can go when you stop worrying about what everybody else is wear-

Dynomite: I was wrong

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

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"ill admit it. I didn't think that the Saints could

Could you blame me? Now, before you start

saying I don't have faith or I'm a bandwagon, let me explain.

I am a supporter of anything that's positive that comes from New Orleans: The Saints, Hornets, Zephyrs and the late New Orleans Voodoo.

With that being said, I must say that I am extremely happy for the die-hards and those, like myself, that love to see good things that

involve New Orleans. To see the my city go in complete pandemonium and live a moment that seemed so distant was be of benefit. amazing.

But, I digress.

At the start of the season, the Saints started off smoking and by the bye week my opinion of how far the Saints could go changed.

Granted, they did have a favorable schedule in the beginning of the season, but they did what they were supposed to do, and that is take care of business.

They scored 144 points before the bye and it was clear to see that Drew Brees and the Saints will light up the field again this year.

Facebook updates about the Saints crowded my news feed but I wasn't overly impressed on how well and easily their offense scored

What fueled my change of heart was the defense of the Saints.

I didn't think that the acquisition of Darren Sharper to an

I didn't think that rookie Malcolm Jenkins would help out the

I didn't think that Greg Williams, no matter how well he drew up blitz packages, would stop offenses from tearing the Saints' de-

Except for the Malcolm Jenkins part, the Saints defense raised many brows in the sports world, especially mine.

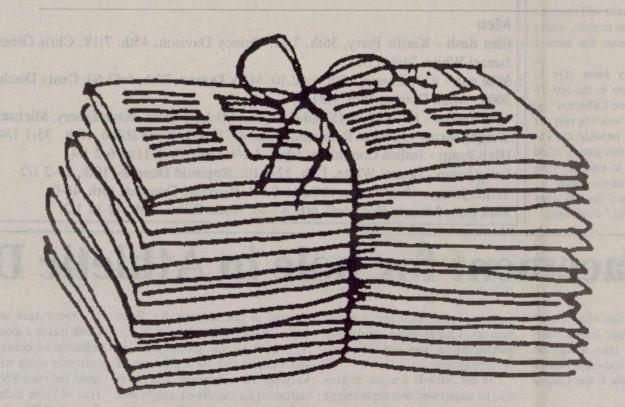
The 33-year-old safety led the team with nine interception. The Saints defensive cap-

tain Jonathan Vilma led the team in tackles with 110. The Saints' defense forced 15 fumbles and intercepted nine

passes, and there I was, actually

starting to enjoy watching the hometown team play. All I have to say is, I was already misguided secondary would wrong

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NSU wins in dramatic style in double overtime

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

he gym silenced. Devon Baker stepped to the free throw line. He dribbled, looked at the goal, bended his knees and released.

At that moment you could hear a pen drop in Prather Coliseum, but every on looking fan would soon scream their hearts out when, Baker sank the bucket to give the Demons the lead with 1.2 seconds remaining.

Baker intentionally missed the second free throw, and the remaining seconds ticked off the clock.

"When I stepped to the line the only thing I could think of was game over," junior NSU guard Devon Baker said. "I missed two free throws before and I knew that there is no way I would miss a third."

The Demon basketball team halted a six-game losing streak with a 99-98 double overtime win over the Nicholls State University Colonels Saturday in Prather Coliseum.

"We were down and nearly out a couple of times, seven down with a minute left in regulation, seven down in the first overtime," NSU Demon Head Basketball coach Mike McConathy said. "Things were tough. We shot 50 percent on free throws. We left a lot of room for improvement in many ways, but not with our effort, our teamwork, and having the chops to come back and win.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Michael McConathy (14) and William Mosley (42) play strong defense as the Demons won this past Saturday, 99-98 in double overtime to a "White Out" Prather Coliseum.

initely one of our most timely wins in my time here."

The win gave Northwestern this season (6-11overall, 1-3 conference) as they avenge their loss at the 27. hands of Nicholls two weeks ago.

"It wasn't our greatest win, it found a way to do it," McConathy wasn't our best game, but it was def- said. "Now that monkey is off our backs and the guys can relax and go play a lot more confidently."

Northwestern went ahead early their first Southland Conference win in the first half and kept it that way until halftime at which they led 33-

After halftime, the Demons "We needed to win and we went up 39-29, but the Colonels

didn't give up.

Nicholls' first lead of the game didn't come until 3:02 left in regulation. The Colonels went up 68-61 with 1:04 left when Nicholls' Antatoly Bose scored five quick points.

The Demons came back from a seven-point deficit to take the game into its first overtime.

Will Pratt cut to the basket and three league losses."

scored a slam dunk that tied the game at 71-all after he stole the ball to give the Demons possession in the previous play.

The Colonels took the early lead in the first overtime, but Damon Jones and Baker put the Demons on a 8-1 run.

Nicholls took the lead again after Tyson Briggs knocked in a few free throws with 19 seconds left in extended play.

With 3.4 seconds left on the clock, Baker drove to the lane and hit the clutch finger-roll layup right before the sound of the buzzer.

Jones led all Demons' scorers with a season-high 25 points. Pratt was right behind him with his career-high 22 points. Baker followed the two of them with 17 points of his

As a whole, the Demons shot a season-best 60 percent from the floor but only made 50 percent of their free throws.

The Demons play host to Stephen F. Austin Wednesday night as they try to make it two in a row.

A win would put the team in a good position to make a run in the

"We took a step in the right direction Saturday in the conference standings, and now the ball is in our court," McConathy said. "If we can beat SFA, that means at least five of the six teams in the East would have

Quick Box Score

NSU 99-Nicholls 98 2OT

Points

Damon Jones 25 Will Pratt 22 Devon Baker 17 Michael McConathy 16

Rebounds

William Mosley 8 Damon Jones 5 Will Pratt 4 Charles Clark 4

Assists

Devon Baker 6 Michael McConathy 4 Dominck Kinght 3

Steals

Will Pratt 4 Devon Baker 2 Three others with 1

Blocks

Damon Jones 1 Aramie Brooks 1

Lady Demons hope to keep momentum with SFA

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

fter losing its first home game of the year last weekend, the Lady Demons basketball team seemed to find its rhythm again in the 69-66 victory over the Lady Colonels of Nicholls

"We really didn't have one of our greatest games offensively," Head Coach Jennifer Graf. "We committed too many turnovers, didn't really get a lot of good open looks, and didn't knock down our free throws. "But give credit to Nicholls, their defense is very difficult to run our offense against because we don't see that type of defense very often."

the charity stripe all season, as alluded to by Graf.

aged to sink 65 percent of its shots Austin (9-7, 4-1 SLC).

from the free throw line.

from the floor on the night.

"We weren't as crisp as we normally had been," junior guard Anna er. Every game was so intense. I Cate Williams said. "We seemed to have picked it up in the second half, which is good for us not only in that game but in our upcoming games too."

the double digits in scoring. Brittiany Houston and Lyndzee Green both scored a team high 15 points. While Jessica McPhail and Trudy Armstead added 12 and 10, respectively.

all-time victory in NSU Lady Demon basketball history.

NSU had its worst night from sits at 10-7 overall and 3-1 in the Southland Conference.

NSU's next game is tonight at The Lady Demons only man-seven against archrival Stephen F.

NSU also only shot 50 percent time in the history of the programs, Graf said. "I remember every road game to SFA since being a playexpect this game will be no differ-

Not only is the game a big one because of who NSU is playing, but also it is important because what is NSU had four players dip into on the line, first place in the East Division in the SLC.

The Lady Demons will travel to Nacogdoches, Texas tonight, where the Johnson Coliseum has been a place of horrors.

NSU has only been able to This win also marks the 340th muster four victories in the last 30 played in the Johnson Coliseum.

And this game won't be easy for The Lady Demons' record now the Lady Demons, because the LadyJacks come into this game ranked 16th in the NCAA in scoring while averaging 77.6 points per game.

"If we don't turn the ball over, we will be successful," Graff said.

Complete NSU results from the Purple Tiger Invitational:

60m dash - Anna Forrest, 28th, 7.93; Angelica Kotun, 31st, 7.98; Shamiguin VanBuren, 34th, 8.01; Amanda Freeman, 39th, 8.04; Constance Seibles, 52nd, 8.15; Tiwan Glover, 53rd, 8:15; Whitney Smith, 76th, 8.36; Phyllis Iheanacho, 84th, 8.67

Mile run - Karensa Ellis, 9th, 5:28.91; Sarah Emory, 20th, 5:52.72

3000 - Allison Fontenot, 9th, 11:45.57; Kirstie Jones, 13th, 12:00.57; Courtney Herschberger, 15th, 12:36.73.

4x400 Relay - 8th, 3:57.95 (Constance Seibles, Carmen Wallace, Jazmen Williams, Andrea

Weight throw - DeJon Griffin, 4th, 53-7 3/4; Janae Allen, 9th, 49-2 1/2; Chantel Bratton, 17th,

Shot put - Chantel Bratton, 6th, 43-10 1/2; Trecey Rew, no mark.

Long jump - Sarah Jones, 17th, 16-5

High jump - Keyera Thomas, no height

60m dash - Karllis Perry, 36th, 7.11; Quincy Davison, 45th, 7:18; Chris Greer, 62nd, 7.30; Jamaal White, 74th, 7.35;

Mile run - Kyle Lessig, 17th, 4:42.10; Mark Dotson, 20th, 4:43.60; Dusty Dischler, 23rd, 3000 - Mark Dotson, 10th, 9:31.00

4x400 relay - 1st, 3:16.75 (Kendall Taylor, Michael Batts, Jamie Emery, Michael Green) Weight throw - Morgan Redmond, 12th, 47-10 1/2; Justin Bilbo, 18th, 35-1 1/4 High jump - Joshua Commiato, 4th, 6-4 1/4; Greg Hall, 11th, 6-2 1/4

Long jump - Jamaal White, 12th, 22-6 1/2; Reginald Douglas, 19th, 21-2 1/2 Triple jump - Chris Greer, 11th, 46-0 3/4; Reginald Douglas, 13th, 46-0

Shot put - Morgan Redmond, 6th, 47-10; Justin Bilbo, 10th, 42-11 1/2.

NSU finds qualified replacement for hole in Athletic Dept.

Courtesy of Sports Info:

ason Horn, whose nearly 20year career in athletic marketing includes positions working with the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta and the 2002 Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City, has joined Northwestern State as assistant athletics director for marketing and promotions.

Announcement of Horn's hiring was made by NSU director of athlet-

The University of Louisiana System Board of Supervisors approved the move.

Horn will coordinate athletic marketing and promotional endeavors and corporate partnerships for Northwestern State.

"The importance of Jason's position cannot be underestimated as it relates to generating revenue for the NSU Athletic Department budget and enhancing the image of the athletic program and, thus, the entire

vast and diverse experience in sales and marketing will be a definite asset and the level of professionalism with which he carries himself will be well-received in the local and regional business sector.

"We're fortunate to attract someone with his scope of knowledge and ability."

A 1991 University of Michigan graduate, Horn has served on the collegiate level most recently at Central Florida and Bowling Green ticket and sales manager for the as assistant AD for marketing with previous stints as the director of marketing and promotions for Conference USA and on administrative staffs at Miami (Fla.) and Michigan.

A Detroit native, he also has extensive experience in professional sports, working as director of marketing and community relations for the NBA Developmental League's Mobile Revelers, the Detroit Pistons in the league's headquarters in as an account executive for corporate Chicago, Horn oversaw C-USA's way earlier this month while Cook

ics Greg Burke. "With that said, his County Cutters minor league baseball team. He has been a regional manager in central and south Florida for the WPT Amateur Poker League based in Orlando.

From 1999-2001, he was sales and marketing manager for the Salt Lake City-based Winter Olympics, the Winter Paralympics and Team

He was part of a sales staff pro-

ducing \$850 million in revenue. Working in 1995 and 1996 as Atlanta-based Summer Olympics. he assisted the vice president of operations with the development of the event operations plan for the Games. and designed and directed a comprehensive marketing and ticket sales plan for the Olympic soccer matches hosted at the famed Orange Bowl in

In 1997-99 at Conference USA million in new revenue.

university," said director of athlet- sponsorships, and the New Haven marketing plan including website redesign, championship marketing, merchandising, licensing and advertising programs.

> In the NBA-D League in Mobile, he supervised five departments including marketing, community relations, ticket sales, event operations and media relations in 2001-02.

> From 2005-06 at Bowling Green, he created and planned season and group ticket sales strategies that created a 40 percent increase in football season ticket revenue and an overall all-sports ticket revenue increase of 21 percent.

In 2006-08 for Central Florida, his marketing team's ticket sales strategies in 2006-07 led to a 21 percent spike in basketball attendance, 58 percent in baseball attendance and 32 percent for softball. In 2007 over 7,000 new football season tickets were sold, generating over \$1.4

Horn replaced Ryan Hollo-

stepped in last summer for Brian Seiler on the NSU athletic staff. "Alex hit the ground running

last summer and did a great job of keeping the marketing and sales initiatives for the department in motion," said Burke. "He fills a position which is critical to ensuring that both men's and women's teams at NSU receive promotional opportunities which, in turn, directly impacts attendance and revenue generation, as well. He is eager to learn and grow professionally and that is undoubtedly a positive for him on a personal level and for our program."

Cook made a strong local and regional impression last summer as operations manager of the Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame.

The native of Lafayette graduated from Eastern Oregon University last March with a business administration degree with a concentration in marketing and a minor in economics, while earning three football let-

From April until early August, Cook handled sponsorship sales, administrative duties and promotional activities along with event management for the 2009 Louisiana Sports Hall of Fame Induction Celebration featuring NFL greats Will Roaf and Marshall Faulk, golf legend Hal Sutton and women's basketball coaching icon Sonja Hogg.

While a student-athlete at EOU, Cook became the first student ever to serve on the university's marketing committee and also provided assistance to the director of athletics at the NAIA school.

While in college, Cook also worked as a sales representative for NXGEN Payment Services, a national e-commerce firm affiliated with many intercollegiate athletics departments along with state and local governmental agencies.

Cook was a football, track and basketball letterwinner at Centennial High School in Boise, Idaho, and was an Eagle Scout.

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Coca-Cola fulfills contract with new marquee

Andrew Bordelon Staff Writer

SU has finished constructing a new marquee in front of the Watson Library. Coca-Cola donated the marquee as part of a contract that stipulates that it only be used for informing students and the community about campus events.

The contract currently in effect between Coke and NSU was partially worked on by Athletic Director Greg Burke.

NSU's contract with Coke ensures that the university will sell no less than 90 percent of Coke products as beverages, but allows for 10 percent of other beverages to be served

"Under Louisiana law, a vendor who signs a 90/10 contract is obligated to provide some kind of physical improvement or enhancement for that campus," he said.

Coke donated the money necessary for the purchase and installation of the new marquee to fulfill its obligation to give at least \$50,000 to NSU as part of the 10 year contract,

This contract went into effect in 2006 and was a change from NSU's prior agreements with Coke.

"We use to have a vendors contract," Burke said. "Now we have a non-exclusive beverage pouring rights contract."

Director of Auxiliary Services the current contract with Coke.

NSU had only a vending contract with the company prior to Nov. 1, 2006, meaning the university would only receive a percentage of the sales earned from the drink vending machines, Kelly said.

The current contract, signed in 2006, now gives NSU upfront capital, annual payments, and a continuation of the percentage of drink sales, she explained.

"There had to be a capital donation," Kelly said.

The marquee was in the contract as the capital donation required to be given be Coca-Cola when the contract was signed.

Kelly said the reason the new "It didn't cost NSU a dime," he marquee has not been constructed until now, however, was because NSU was in the process of finding someone to construct the sign within the price range the university had to

The money available to spend was not affected by any of the recent state-wide budget cuts though.

"We didn't use any state mon-Jennifer Kelly also helped develop ey," Kelly said. "It was all donated

> The donation of the new marquee is not only helpful for NSU's budget, but for its physical landscape as well.

> "I think the sign is pretty because it is so new and big," said Hattie Vaughn, junior business administration major. "It makes the appearance of the front of the library more pleasing."

> NSU President Randall Webb agreed, and added that he was ultimately surprised.

"I was aware of the contract and that we would be receiving a new sign, but I was impressed to see the end result," Webb said.



Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce

As part of a contracted agreement made in 2006, Coca-Cola provided funding for a new marquee. The sign, which was installed last week, sits in front of Watson Library



Photo contributed by James Picht

From Left to Right: Air Force Maj. Lee Erickson, William Broussard, Sarah Ferstal and Crystal Mallet take part as panelists in an event held by the Louisiana Scholars' College on Friday. The panelists answered questions concerning how life has changed for them since graduating from NSU and gave tips to current students.

Graduates discuss life after NSU

David Royal News Editor

s part of NSU's celebration of its 125th anniversary, the Louisiana Scholars' College invited students to take part in a question and answer session with actual graduates from the program.

The panel consisted of seven graduates from the years 1991 to 2004. Their career fields included a medical physicist, a high school teacher, a martial arts instructor and a recording music artist.

Holly Stave, a professor of English at the Scholars' college, helped organize the event and said its purpose was to give current students an idea of how they can live their dreams after graduation and provide "strategies for negotiating the 'real world.""

Stave, who led the discussion during the event, began by asking the panel a few questions, and then allowed those in attendance to ask

their own questions. After answering only a few questions, several of the panelist revealed that they had changed their life plans since graduating.

Panelist Todd Huddleston grad-

uated with an undergraduate and graduate degree in mathematics, but found himself studying in Korea and now teaching martial arts in New

Stave explained that Huddleston and other panelist like him were excellent examples of how life can lead people in opposite directions of what they were intending. "There were many there that

came to [the Scholars' College] and ended up doing something completely different than their original plan, so it was nice that students were able to see it." Stave said.

Christina Lake, a student in the Scholars' College, agreed with Stave.

"The event was very enlightening," said Lake, who is a senior humanities and social thought major. "It was interesting to see all of the different directions people took with their degrees."

Air Force Maj. Lee Erickson, who was one of the panelists, said he enjoyed the event and appreciated everything it offered.

"It was quite an honor to be invited and come back," said Erickson, who graduated with a degree in humanities and social thought. "I hope everyone here will be able to use what they heard today."

Stave explained that she would have like to have more graduates attend the event, but said that Scholars' College could not afford it. Those who served on the panel were generous enough to cover their own costs to Natchitoches, she said.

The panel was Scholars' College's third and final event designed to celebrate NSU 125th anniversary. The program held an international food fair and swing dance event earlier this month.

"[Scholars' College] really took the university's initiative to make NSU's anniversary special seriously, and we hope people enjoyed it and got something out of it," Stave said.



SGA Update

- The Senate passed Bill SP10-002, which will request approval for the SGA to view the student turnout in last week's Student Activities Board elections. The goal is to determine whether more or less students are voting than in the past.
- The Senate passed Bill SP10-003, which will request that the Student Trust Fund Committee invests in female hygiene dispensers for women's restrooms in Kyser Hall.
- The Senate voted to provide the NSU Dodgeball team with funding for a tournament in Kentucky.
- The Supreme Court elected Tim Gattie as chief justice last week. Gattie replaced Paul Shelton, who resigned at the end of last semester.

Leisure learning classes made available

Amanda Duncil Staff Writer

n assortment of non-credit courses will be offered in February through the Office of Electronic and Continuing Education.

"Continuing Education is pleased to be able to offer non-credit courses to members of the community who may already have a degree or do not require a degree, but need to continue life-long learning, which is required in today's society," said Hedy Pinkerton, director of the Office of Electronic and Continuing Education.

The courses are "leisure learning" classes offered as a service to

the community, said Melanie Bedgood, administrative assistant of non-credit programs.

They are self-generated and re-Suire a fee in order to participate. Students can register by calling

(800) 376-2422 or (318) 357-6355. Some of the classes that will be

offered include "Instant Piano for Hopelessly Busy People," "Let's Dance the East Coast Swing" and instructional courses for Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 and Photo Story.

"Northwestern's Continuing Education courses impact adults who are required to stay current in their occupational skills by providing Continuing Education Units (CEUs)," Pinkerton explained.

Continuing Education also of-

fers Driver's Education and ACT preparatory courses as well as leisure classes such as dance, aerobic swimming, karate and scrap book-

"We also offer certification prep courses in several areas which help the citizens of our community acquire new skills to aid in getting new employment or retain their existing positions," Pinkerton said.

"Then as new technologies emerge, classes are provided to permit adults ready access to update their knowledge in different areas such as computer technology which is vital for today's workforce."

More information on upcoming classes can be found at http://ece. nsula.edu/non-credit.

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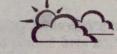
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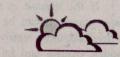












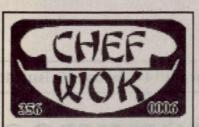
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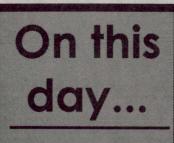
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Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band sets off to London

Sarah Cramer Staff Reporter

The Best Soundin' Band in the Land will be finishing off 2010 and ringing in 2011 in London, England.

The Spirit of Northwestern Marching Band has been chosen to perform in London's 25th New Year's Day Parade.

"We have an official letter from the mayor of the city of London inviting us," Director of Bands Bill Brent said.

At the parade, the band will be playing the fight song and a traditional march, like the "National Em-

"If the Saints win on Sunday, it will be an arrangement of 'When the Saints Go Marching In," Brent said.

During their six night trip, the band will be touring London, visiting Oxford and Stratford upon Avon, and attending a New Year's Eve Gala, among other things.

This is not the first time the marching band has been nominated to play in the parade, Brent said.

"We were nominated about four years ago," he said. "But at the time there was just so much going on."

But the upcoming school year will also mark the band's 100th anniversary, and Brent felt this would be a good year for the students to take

"They called again this past fall and said we'd really like for you to

come, and so I thought, well since next year is the 100th year of the band, we'll fly it up the flag pole to see who salutes," he said. "And we had enough kids say yea, they'd like

A little more than 50 of the 300 band members will be attending the parade. Victoria Steadman, freshman addiction studies major, will be going to London during her first year on the SON's cymbal line.

"I've never been out of the country," Steadman said. "And London is always a place I've wanted to

Both Brent and Steadman believe this is going to be a great expe-

"It just so happens I was at this parade about 10 years ago," Brent said. "I've actually seen this parade and it's great. I really think the kids are in for a great trip."

Steadman added, "[It's exciting] just to be in band and play in front of all those people."

The cost of the trip is \$2,900 per student, and they will be leaving on Dec. 28, 2010 and will be returning Jan. 4, 2011.

The cost will cover lodging, transportation, three dinners, a fastfood voucher equivalent to \$17, several tours and a one-year membership in the Youth Music International Performers' Club.

welcome on the trip.

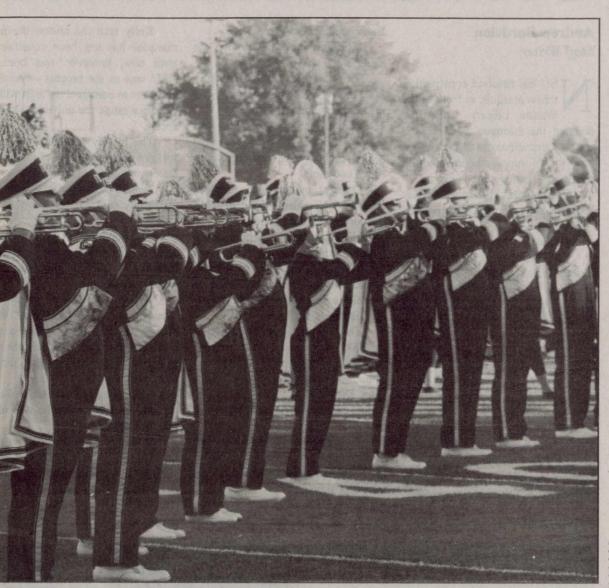


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Talk Times With Tori:

Cervical cancer awareness



Tori Ladd Life Editor

Each year about 10,000 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and about 3,700 women die from the disease in the United States alone, according to the National Cervical Cancer Coalition (NCCC).

Webster's Medical Dictionary says that cervical cancer is caused by the human papillomavirus (HPV). Although there are many different strands of HPV, only some the HPV strands can cause cervical cancer.

According to Medical News Today, yearly there are 473,000 new cases of cervical cancer and about 250,000 deaths due to cervical cancer in the world.

In emergent countries, cervical cancer continues to be the number one cause of death for women.

About 85 percent of those cases occur in low resource areas in the world and fewer than 5 percent of those women have never had a Pap test.

A Pap test is an examination consisting of the staining of cervical cells taken in a cervical or vaginal smear for the testing of exfoliated

Eleven percent of women in the United States have also reported that they do not get Pap test screenings.

If caught in the early stage, cervical cancer is curable and the patient may still be able to have children after the treatment.

If the disease is found in the later stages, it can be removed by a hysterectomy removal of lymph nodes, ovaries and fallopian tubes, radiation therapy or chemotherapy. The latter treatments can leave patients unable to conceive children. Cervical cancer can be detected

during your regular pelvic exam. Web MD list the symptoms of cervi--Bleeding from the vagina that

is not normal, or a change in the menstrual cycle, -Bleeding when something

comes in contact with the cervix, such as during sex, -Vaginal discharge tinged with

blood.

As with other medical concerns ,you should contact a health professional if you are experiencing any of the symptoms or if you have any

To prevent cervical cancer both genders can practice safe sex. Women can also get regular physical examinations and get the Food and Drug Association approved vaccina-

According to Gardasil literature, Gardasil is the only cervical cancer vaccine that helps protect against four types of HPV (Types 6, 11, 16, and 18), the two types that cause 70 percent of cervical cancer

The vaccine is for girls and young women from ages 9 to 26 and are administered by three shots over

The NCCC says that a woman who does not have the Gardasil vaccination or does not get a Pap test yearly significantly increases chances of developing the disease.

NSU Health Services, Natchitoches Outpatient Clinic and Natchitoches Health Unit, along with the hospital and other private practices offer the Gardasil vaccination upon



Middle Child POV: Drug tests for all

Paul Randall Adams Staff Columnist

or

common for college athletes to lose their scholarships due to

At universities nation-wide, drug tests are performed at random on football players, baseball players and volleyball players alike.

found in their systems, their scholarships are pulled and their careers

Drug testing can be a stipulation of accepting a scholarship with that university.

Why not the English majors on academic scholarship?

According to the CDC, 48.7% of all college students have used marijuana in their lifetime. That's marijuana alone, excluding the usage of cocaine or other illegal

Is their drug usage any less illegal? Are their scholarships any and cannot pass a drug test, that

more valuable?

It has been said that life is not fair, but universities should try harder to equalize this issue.

Drug usage is not only a problem among athletes. It's a siren that lures students to their demise.

Isn't it making an investment when a university gives a student a scholarship?

Somebody who plays the stocks would get rid of an investment if it were to begin declining in

A drug-addicted student is a failing investment.

If drugs or steroids are of all of their bad investments. It's those bad investments that help lead other students astray.

Sure, random drug testing is a little less cost efficient than most universities strive for.

But giving students schol-But why not musicians? arships when they don't deserve them is equally as inefficient.

> In all honesty, the average drug tests cost about \$40, according to the American Civil Liberties Union, a nominal fee, considering some students are offered close to \$18,000 a year in scholarship and

When a student graduates

scholarship money has literally been thrown away.

The thousands of dollars that are given through the TOPS program, through school-supported scholarships and through individuals all go to waste in these circumstanc-

Why don't programs such as TOPS require a drug test before receiving the benefits?

It would be useful in helping to know whether a refund check would be spent on school books or

Are these people the ones Universities should get rid that universities want representing

Or would they rather ensure that they are investing their money in something worthwhile, in a student who truly deserves it?

There are others, though, who work hard to do everything correctly. They try not to be a hindrance

They work hard to be upstanding and to make something of themselves. And more importantly, they avoid being a felon.

They work hard to ensure that they are good investments. Go out. Make something of yourself. Don't allow yourself to be a poor in-

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Colloquium: On crime, part one

Sara Mayeux Guest Columnist

day, I was sitting in a lounge, and I overheard a conversation about speeding.

It was a

rather long conversation, but the thesis was that a young lady was upset that she received a speeding ticket, when others were going the same speed as she, and she was only going five miles per hour too fast.

The Merriam-Webster dictionary definition of crime is "an act or commission of an act that is forbidden or the omission of a duty that is commanded by public law and that makes the offender liable to punishment by that law."

Essentially, this means that doing something the law says not to do, or not doing something the law says to do is what constitutes a crime.

So, as I wished to tell the young lady, she had no right to be peeved.

If she was going even one mile per hour faster than the posted speed limit, she was breaking the law, and was subject to whatever punishment the law officer deemed

The question that comes out of this is: what if she hadn't intentionally been speeding?

OK, so, given she knew exactly how fast she was going, she probably was intentionally speeding.

How many of us, however, drive along in our cars, belting with the radio, only to realize we're speeding when we see that flash of blue light?

Intent is not taken into account so much in traffic violations. as the speed limit is posted, and it is expected that drivers should pay attention, but in many criminal cases, such as murder, it is.

Why is this? What does intent have to do with anything?

If I kill someone, does it matter if I meant to kill them? The person is still dead whether I meant to kill them or not.

Intent matters because it describes the state of mind of the criminal when the act is committed, and as humans, our state of mind is

If a dog kills someone, it is put down, regardless of what it is thinking. Humans can tell us what they are thinking.

If I accidentally hit a child that runs into the road in front of my car, it is obviously different than if I break into that child's house and kill him, and anyone can see that.

So, crime is not, in effect defined by the action or omission of action, but by the intention behind it.

The thought makes the crime, provided you can prove your

So, next time you are driving, watch your speedometer, because, unless police officers turn into X-Men™ and can mind read, they're going to assume that you are intending to break the law.

And that, my friend, makes you a criminal.

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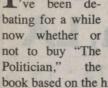
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Half the Battle: Religion of politics

Joe Cunningham Editor in chief

bating for a while now whether or not to buy



book based on the hilarious shenanigans of John Edwards. Andrew Young, former aide

to Edwards, wrote this wonderful piece of literature detailing the Edward's scandalous affair with Rielle Hunter (including the child Edwards fathered during the affair). Young was an incredibly

loyal aide.

He apparently didn't even blink when Edwards asked him to claim fatherhood over his illegitimate child. And his wife was cool with it, too!

my fiancée and saying, "Oh, by the way, honey, I'm going to be telling America I had a child with my boss' mistress," and her being OK with that. In fact, I'll probably lose my life right then and there. Where is the line between loyalty and morality?

At what point do you say, "Look... Mr. Edwards... you're a cool guy and all, and I'm glad to have you as my boss, but... I mean, claim your child? Seriously? This is my two weeks' notice."

At what point does your common sense tell you that things have gone too far?

The absolute best part of this is that people make these kind of scandals out to be a political or belief issue.

that only do this. And that's just wrong. Both sides are up to their necks in their sins.

Edwards, of the Demo-I can't imagine sitting in cratic party, is just as guilty as South real page-turner.

the drive-thru line at Popeye's with Carolina governor Mark Sanford, a Republican.

> Sanford's wife also has a book coming out, detailing her feelings when she found out about the affair Sanford and his Argentinean mistress were having.

Hell hath no fury, am I

What is it about power that takes people who seem to have decent character and twist them into the pigs we see chanting their religion of politics every day? It's mindboggling, to say the least.

I suppose I'm entirely too exposed to the happenings in Washington, but that (and attention deficit disorder) are the price we pay for 24hour news services.

It's a constant barrage of It's the Right or the Left information I think we, as a people, were a lot better off without.

Oh, and if there is one person who should write a book, it's Mark Foley. I bet that would be a



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Demon Athlete Q&A



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Q: What record did you break?

A: I actually broke two. I broke

my own shot put record and I

Q: How long have you been

A: Since I was little bitty. I start-

ed off as a sprinter, but my senior

year in high school I started fo-

Q: How did you get into the

A: I got into track because all the

children at my church, and basi-

cally in my city, were running

Aarci Gras

in Alexandria, LA

broke the weight record.

cusing on the shot put.

competing?

Q: Name? A: Trecey Rew

Q: High School and Hometown?

A: Garland High School in Garland, TX

Q: Major and Classification? A: Senior Journalism Major

Q: Favorite TV Show? A: Say Yes to the Dress and One Tree Hill

Q: Favorite Movie? A: Love and Basketball and The Hangover

one summer and I've been doing it ever since. I started throwing the shot put when I was like eight or nine and I didn't really like it when I started because I had to practice away from all of my friends, but I realized how good I was and kept with it.

summer track and I wanted to

run to, so my mom signed me up

Q: What is your greatest accomplishment in the sport?

A: My greatest accomplishment would have to be owning three school records, but hopefully by the end of this year my greatest accomplishment will be becoming an All-American.

Q: Most memoriable moment while compeating?

A: I don't really have one moment. The throwers are really close on the team and every day at practice and when we travel to meets we have some good times and some really good

Q: Thing you will miss most when you are done compeating?

A: Competition. I love the pride that comes with competing.

Q: Favorite sport other than

A: Basketball and softball, but I have a lot of respect for ice skaters and gymnast.

Q: What's the one sport you wish you were good at?

A: Softball. I really wish I was better at softball.

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Bulldogs'bark worst than bite

Courtesy of Sports Info:

orthwestern opened its women's tennis season on Tuesday in a convincing 7-0 win over Louisiana Tech.

The Lady Demons cruised to a 3-0 win in doubles' action to start the competition then closed things out with a 4-0 blanking in singles' matches.

"I felt like we played really well as a whole," said head coach Patric DuBois. "I thought the process in the way we did things really wore down our opponent. We were very consistent and smart in the way we played."

NSU got a shutout victory in the No. 3 doubles when the team played one of her better matches State of Andrea Nedorostova and Martina Rubesova blanked Alena Erofeuro and Laura Rodriguez, 8-0.

In singles action, the Lady Demons did not lose a set in any of the

Olga Bazhanova defeated Vivian ten Dolle in straight sets, 7-5, 6-2, in the No. 1 singles while Adna Curukovic cruised to a 6-2, 6-1 victory over Celia Vichery.

Rubesova, playing inher first collegiate dual action, whipped Maartie De Witte 6-2, 6-2 in the No. 3 singles matchup while Nedorostova won the No. 4 singles by a 6-2, 6-2 score. Southern Mississippi.

"I thought Olga (Bazhanova) since she's been here at NSU," said DuBois. "I felt our two Czech girls (Nedorostova and Rubesova) played really well in their first dual match."

The blowout of the match came in the No. 5 singles when Bianca Schulz made quick work of Erofeuro by scores of 6-1, 6-0, and Dragana Colic won her No. 6 singles match by a 6-2, 6-3 score.

"Louisiana Tech is a very improved team. I just thought we really did a good job all around as a team."

The Lady Demons return to action on Feb. 13 when they visit

Empire state of mind



Photo by Gary Hardamon

#11, Devon Baker, not only has to worry about the tough competition in the SLC, but he has to adapt to a small-town life in Natchitoches

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

Walking the campus of Northwestern State University is a face

that is getting more familiar. Armed with headphones and a full beard, Devon Baker went from the guy with the cool accent, to the guy everyone wants to see with the ball. Baker came to NSU by way of transfer from Howard College in San Angelo, Texas, but before that

he was back in his home state of

When Baker was young, he idolized Rafer Alston. Baker was much like Alston. He was a playground basketball player that dreamed of playing professional basketball.

Not playing basketball is something that Baker could not imagine.

"I've been playing organized ball since I was seven or eight years old," Baker said. "I was born to play basketball. It's in my blood."

Making the move from the Big Apple to Natchitoches was a steep change for Baker.

"So far, it's a real big cultural difference," Baker said. "My hometown, like any big other city, is fastpaced, so adjustments had to be made."

What helped Baker make the adjustment were the people. "I love the people here. Everyone is friendly," Baker said. "It's much different in New York where the people aren't as hospitable.

"In the crowd of students during a game inside Prather Coliseum, you can hear people saying, "give the ball the New York number 1."

That's a name the Demon basketball fans use to differentiate between Baker and fellow New York teammate Will Pratt.

"I'm easy to get along with. I play with passion and emotion and It carries over to my teammates," Baker said. "I'm somewhat of a crowd favorite because of that."

In New York, Baker goes by another nickname. "Back home, people call me Kobe," Baker said. "I got the nickname because of resemblance in looks and passion to win."

Now, Baker is a key component for the Demon Basketball team. He is the second leading scorer on the team, averaging 12.6 points per game, only behind senior Demon Jones.

His dreams of being a professional basketball player is still there, but right now his focus is taking the Demon basketball team back to its winning ways.

"I can imagine how crazy it was when we beat Iowa," Baker said. "I can imagine how crazy it will be when we get back to the tourna-

Demons hitting stride

Jimmie Walker

Staff Reporter

iding on the back of junior transfer Will Pratt, the Demons moved to 2-4 in the Southland conference and 7-12 overall after a 74-68 win over the University of Central Arkansas, last

Pratt came up big with a career-best 29-point performance. He connected with 11 of 16 shots from the field and also grabbed eight rebounds and made two steals.

The Demons jumped out in front of the Bearcats by seven points early in the game thanks to Pratt and senior guard Damon Jones.

"We made some adjustments that we thought would benefit us offensively, and the game Will Pratt had definitely helped in that regard,"11th-year coach Mike Mc-Conathy said. "Will had a great flow today. Sometimes when you line up against a former teammate from high school or junior college, you find that extra something.

"After the way he stepped up and hit that first outside jumper, you could sense he had it in gear."

from a forgettable 3-point shooting performance against Stephen F. Austin and shot 41 percent from behind the arc.

11 points and Jones added 19 points of his own.

Will Mosley added to his collection of double-digit rebound



Photo by Gary Hardamon #15, Will Pratt, drives the lane on his way to scoring a career-high 29 points and helps lead the Demons to a 74-68 win over Central Arkansas.

snagged 10 rebounds and blocked

I've coached," McConathy said. "He the end to hold them off. That jump-The Demons bounced back made a big impact over and over to-

> Mosley leads the conference with 11.7 rebounds per game.

"The biggest thing was that for Devon Baker gave the Demons the first time in a long while, we played Demon basketball today," McConathy said. "We were unselfish. We were relentless with our effort at both ends, and I do think that

games against the Bearcats. He also we wore (UCA) down and got control of the game in the second half.

"Give them credit for battling "He might be the best athlete back but our guys made the plays at er by Pratt was huge."

The Demons' next game is Wednesday night at seven against the McNesse State Cowboys in Prather Coliseum.

This is a pivotal game for NSU as both teams are 2-4 in SLC play.

In case you can't make it to Prather for the game, you can find it on 97.5 KDBH FM.





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Carlee McCord, the 2010 Miss Lady of the Bracelet, stands with her mother, Karen McCord, and NSU President Randall Webb and his wife. McCord was one of six contestants in the pageant that was held Saturday night in Magale Recital Hall. She sang "Don't Rain on My Parade" from the musical "Funny Girl" as her talent. McCord wore a light blue ball gown and two-piece swimsuit. For winning, McCord will now compete in the Miss Louisiana Pageant this summer in Baton Rouge. She is a previous contestant of the Miss Louisiana Pageant through the Miss Holiday in Dixie Pageant. For more information on McCord and the other contestants of the 2010 Miss Lady of the Bracelet Pageant, check out the full story on page three.

Wingfield gives State of University

David Royal News Editor

Ttudent Government Association President Kayla Wingfield presented her State of the University Address last night in the Ora G. Williams TV Studio.

Presented every semester, the purpose of the State of the University Address is to inform the student body of the overall status of the campus, actions taken by the SGA over the previous semester and the organization's future plans.

Last night, Wingfield touched on multiple subjects including the SGA's plans of implementing an online voting system and of installing GRE and LSAT prep courses.

She focused primarily, however, on the university's status concerning the state's ongoing issuing of budget

Wingfield explained what she had learned during her term concerning the Louisiana Post-Secondary Education Review Commission place last semester. - or better known as the Tucker Commission - which was tasked with restructuring the state's higher education system last year.

Her goal by doing this was to "alleviate [students'] fears and to quell any rumors about the future of this university," she said.

Despite being in a difficult situation, Wingfield encouraged students to keep their heads up.

"We all recognize that these are trying times for everyone, but our trials will make us better," Wingfield

She added that, today, NSU still "continues toward greatness," and the SGA and administration have maintained a commitment to creating a "student-centric" university.

Wingfield also addressed the SGA's research into the needs of Friedman Student Union that took

Although they realize that the facility needs improvement, the SGA ruled that implementing a new student fee dedicated to the student union is not necessary at this time.

The SGA, however, is looking into using some the Student Trust Fund Committee's money to pay for recreational tables for the student

Finally, Wingfield encouraged students to take an active role in the upcoming SGA officer elections, which will be held later this semes-

Wingfield's speech will be played Monday through Thursday on NSU 22 at 8 a.m., noon, 7 p.m. and midnight.



Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce Student Government Association President Kayla Wingfield gives her State of the University Address. Wingfield primarily focused on the state's budget cuts of higher education and how NSU is responding

Campus groups pitch in to aid those in Haiti

Andrew Bordelon Staff Writer

66T t is clear that what took minutes to destroy will take many years and the collective support from governments and relief agencies across the world to help mend," statement given by the

American Red Cross. The American Red Cross has been taking part in what has become an international operation of support for the people affected by the devastating natural disaster.

This world wide effort has been supported by several volunteer fundraisers like those that can be seen right here at NSU.

Standing tall like solid statues in decorative fountains, members of Kappa Sigma fraternity put forth their time and effort to raise money for the Haiti relief fund with its "Fountains of Hope" program.

were a kid and tossed change into fountains," said Dakota Byrd, a junior biology major and member of Kappa Sigma fraternity.

brothers, Feb. 2.

The members set up inflatable kiddy pools in front of Friedman education major, is a first generation Student Union and stood in them Haitian-American at NSU. holding signs to promote the fund-

Throughout the day, students and faculty alike tossed their change into the "fountains" and helped Kappa Sigma earn just over one thousand dollars to send to the American Red Cross.

"We'd like to thank the Greek community and campus for helping make it a success," Byrd said.

Other NSU students used the power of music with a concert fundraiser to promote more support for the relief effort.

The NSU Jazz Orchestra, the NSU Jazz Combos and the NSU Faculty Jazz Combo performed in Magale Hall yesterday.

The concert admission was free, but donations were accepted.

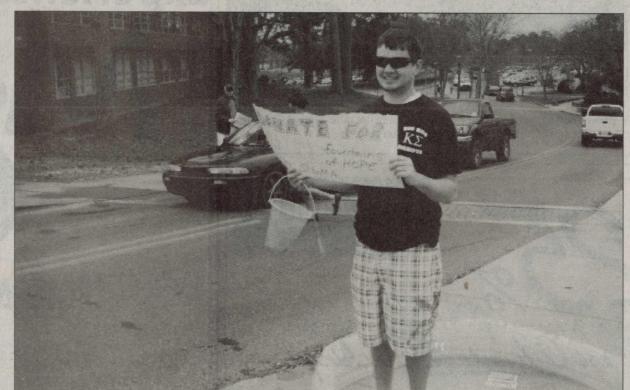
'We asked the Louisiana department of Red Cross to come in and accept donations," said Jarred Carlton, sophomore music education

Carlton is a member of the NSU "We thought about when you Jazz Orchestra and was excited to participate and promote the event in support of the relief effort.

However, his motivation was not derived from images presented Byrd spearheaded the project, on CNN or local news stations. The along with the help of his fraternity devastation truly hit home for one of Carlton's fellow jazz performers.

Tajh Derosier, a freshman music

"We were thinking about doing



Courtesy Photo

As part of Kappa Sigma Fraternity, Dakota Byrd stands outside of Friedman Student Union in an inflatable kiddy pool as a project to raise reflief funds for those in Haiti.

this from the week after [the earth- of knowing what's going on is just ages, and now it's gone." quake] happened," he said.

Derosier said it took time for him to hear from some of his family that still lived in Haiti. He has kept they were not spared from the physiin touch with his father in Texas, originally from Haiti, to stay updat- try. ed about the well-being of his fam-

"The pain and the uncertainty

dreadful," he said.

Eventually, Derosier discovered that his family in Haiti is OK, but cal devastation throughout the coun-

"There's a house my great grandmother built with her husband," he said. "It's been there for

Like so nan other families in Haiti, Derosier's relatives now rely on foreign support and from organizations like the Red Cross.

This support has given hope to many families in Haiti just like Der-

"It made my outlook on life so much better," he said.

Michelle Davison, the assistant executive director for the Northwest Louisiana Chapter, had more to say regarding Red Cross involvement and progression in the relief operation thus far.

"[Red Cross] has sent over a dozen teams to Haiti," she said.

So far, the Red Cross has been sending its reserve workers trained in specific areas to deal with disaster areas. This has allowed for more volunteers here at home to help raised money to keep the operation running smoothly.

"Because of the specialized nature of work, they haven't asked the chapters for any volunteers yet," Davison said.

Red Cross efforts thus far include, but are not limited to: Four Red Cross warehouses (two in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic and two in Port-au-Prince, Haiti) are open and operating at full capacity, the distribution of 1 million liters of water per day, distributions of food and relief items reaching nearly 20,000 families and a major vaccination program to vaccinate 150,000 children.

Efforts by the Red Cross and similar organizations in support of Haiti are predicted to continue to be

To find more ways to show your support, visit the Red Cross at www.LouisianaRedCross.org.

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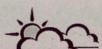
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Rated PG-13 6:40 p.m. 9:20 p.m.

"Tooth Fairy"

Rated PG 6:50 p.m. 9:30 p.m.

"Legion" Rated R 7:00 p.m. 9:40 p.m.

Sodexo events aim to please students

Sarah Cramer

Staff Reporter

odexo, the university's contracted dining service, is making exciting changes at NSU.

The dining service conducted a poll by simply asking students, "What do you think?"

"Sodexo is working hard at focusing on bringing fun back to the dining halls while offering a menu that the students will enjoy," Charles Lear, Sodexo general manager said.

The question, which has received about 60 responses, was hung on a banner in Iberville Dining Hall as part of the Martin Luther King celebration.

"Our goal was simply to find out what the students were thinking, and use that information to better meet the needs of our customers," Lear said.

Matthew English, sophomore psychology major, eats at Vic's about three times a week, and said he is satisfied with what Sodexo is

"It is needed to find out what the students desire out of their food provider," English said. "I think they have done a really good job since taking over from the last provider, but there is always room for improvement."

Chris Vaughn, freshman biology major and regular Sodexo customer, said the survey has the potential of being effective.

"The survey is a great idea if they actually put what was said in the survey into the planning of their meals," Vaughn said. "It's always great to have what you want to eat,

especially when a meal plan can cost up to \$1400."

Sodexo has been doing its best to provide students with a fun atmosphere, Lear said.

In addition to its Martin Luther King celebration, several events have been hosted in Iberville.

There was "Love from the Chef," where the executive chef, Susan Smith, prepared her favorite meals for faculty and students.

Every Thursday, the dining hall holds "Reward Yourself," where meal plan owners are able to pay an extra \$4 to eat steak, shrimp, garlic mashed potatoes and green beans in an area decorated with linens and

"The students have really enjoyed this, and you see some staff and faculty sneaking in for a taste as well," Lear said.

There was also the first Madden competition of the year held in "My Kitchen" in Iberville, which Lear said was really enjoyed by the guys.

"The students gave me some ideas for this during the competition," Lear said. "I have requested Coke supply the next award and I am confident that they will."

In the future, Lear said he hopes to play movies, music and prime time television on the six televisions in Iberville, and possibly host a step competition and a talent show.

Sodexo will be posting its "What Do You Think" banner again soon, as well as conducting its annual spring survey this month.

Students and faculty can also give feedback by visiting nsuladining.com or filling out comment



Amanda Duncil

Staff Reporter Jonathan Watson Sauce Reporter

espite the bitter weather, dedicated high school students visited NSU on Saturday to test their skills in this year's Louisi-

ana Junior ROTC drill competition. Hosted by the NSU Army ROTC program, the drill competition consisted of approximately 18

high schools around the state. The event tested the JROTC cadets' skills in rifle spinning, displaying the American flag and drill and ceremony routines.

Grant High School went home with most of the competition's first place prizes and was the overall winner of the day.

Capt. Jaison Koonankeil, the re-

talion, helped organize the event, and said there were multiple benefits for hosting the event at NSU.

Demon Battalion welcomes JROTC cadets

Koonankeil said the drill competition provided the JROTC programs with valuable practice for future events, including the regional tournament that will be held in Day-

High school JROTC programs participate in similar competitions throughout the year on a smaller

The rules for each competition are different, forcing them to change their routine for each competition. The competition held by the Demon Battalion followed rules used at higher level competitions, Koonankeil explained.

The Demon Battalion also benefited from hosting the high schools, Koonankeil said. The served as an

cruiting officer for the Demon Bat- effective fund raising and recruiting tool to the NSU ROTC program, he

> This was the first year NSU has hosted the competition, and by doing so, high school students got to see what the Demon Battalion has to offer them after graduating, Koonankeil said. JROTC cadets shared similar

> sentiments. Cadet Command Sgt. Maj. Bosserman of Caddo Magnet High School enjoyed his experience at NSU and said the Demon Battalion were amazing hosts. His only complaint was that he wished the weather could have been nicer.

Lt. Col. Kevin McAllister, the commander of the Demon Battalion, said he hopes that hosting the Louisiana Junior ROTC drill competition will become an annual event for



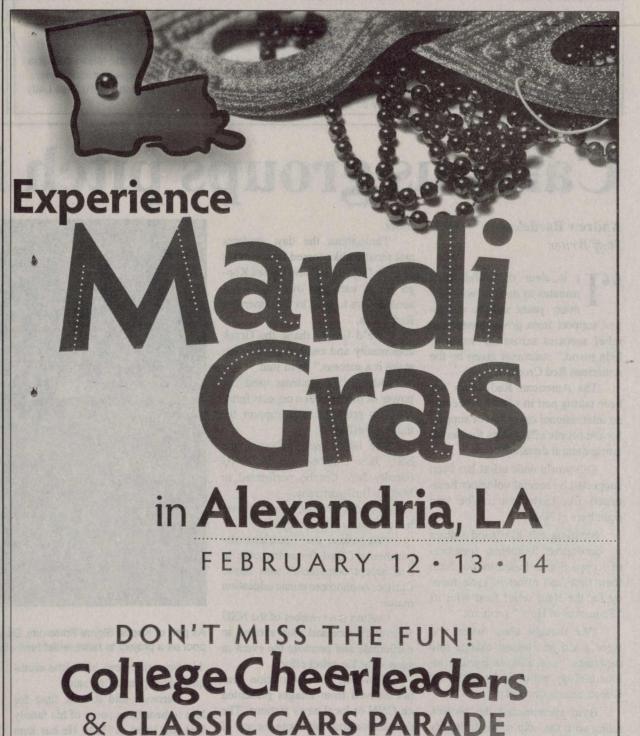
Aqualia Thomas, senior social work major, uses her meal plan at Grill 155. The grill is one of three Sodexo dining halls on campus.





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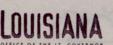


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NSU crowns 51st Miss Lady of the Bracelet





2010 Miss Lady of the BraceletCarlee McCord.

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Photo by: Garay Hardamon 2010 Miss Lady of the Bracelet participants from left to right: Lauren Waguespack, Jessica Lopez, Whitney Mixon, Katherine Putman who is Miss Louisiana, Carlee McCord, Haley Warrick and Whitney Wilson

Taylor Graves Staff Reporter

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arlee McCord will represent Northwestern in Baton Rouge this summer during the Miss Louisiana pageant, a preliminary to Miss America, as the newly crowned Miss Lady of the Bracelet.

"It felt absolutely like home being on stage," McCord said.

"I love to perform, and the spot-

light has always been my element." McCord's confidence on stage shined through during each segment of the competitions. But McCord was not the only talent on stage Saturday. Whitney Mixon, junior scievening wear and swimwear compe-

For her presentations she wore a white gown and yellow two-piece swimsuit. She also placed as the first runner up LOB.

"I will always remember that feeling of a slight adrenaline rush that you get when you first step out onto the stage," Mixon said. "The lights and crowd make it a very unique experience."

Haley Warrick, sophomore science and biology major, was selected as the second runner up. She performed a ballet en pointe.

For the second year in a row, Jessica Lopez, senior liberal arts major, won the talent competition with her aria vocal presentation.

The honor of the Liz Carroll

Whitney Wilson, junior science and shopping, stayed current on events business administration major, for in the news and rehearsed the show her intense jump rope routine choreographed to "Like to Move It."

"The moment I'll never forget is hearing the crowd after I finished my jump rope routine," Wilson said.

"It was probably the loudest applause I've heard, and I also received a standing ovation.'

The contestants chose Lauren Waguespack, junior theatre major, as Miss Congeniality. The contestants worked hard to prepare for Lady of

the Bracelet. "If being in a swimsuit and heels in front of your entire student body is not enough motivation to hit the gym harder, I don't know what is," Mixon said.

ence and liberal arts major, won the People's Choice Award went to intensity of my workouts, I did some great Miss LOB."

along with the other contestants."

McCord, junior science, criminal justice and spanish major, had to prepare for her vocal talent of singing "Don't Rain on My Parade" from "Funny Girl."

Her outfits for LOB included a light blue two-piece swimsuit and a light blue asymmetrical designed ball gown. Miss LOB was overjoyed to receive the crown, but she acknowledged and the talents and endeavors of the other contestants.

"My favorite part was competing with so many talented young ladies," McCord said.

"I honestly know that any of the "But other than increasing the six contestants would have made a

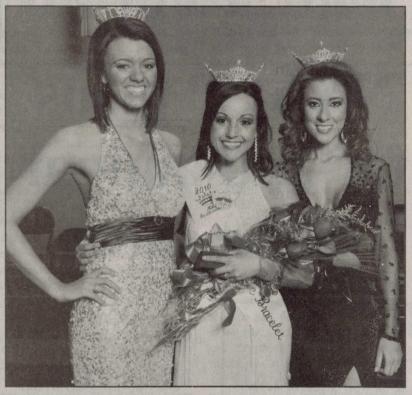


Photo by: Garay Hardamor 2009 Miss Lady of the Bracelet Mandi Rigdell, 2010 Miss Lady of the Bracelet-Carlee McCord and 2009 MIss Louisiana after the pagent IN MAGALE RECITAL

NSU art galley to feature Tom Richard

Chasity Taylor Sauce Reporter

will be featured at Northwestern's Orville Hanchey Gallery.

Tom Richard is an artist originally from Houma, LA, but now lives in Monticello, AR where he is a professor of art at the University of

He received his and a bachelor's infine arts from Louisiana State University and his master's in fine arts from the University of New York in

His work consists of mixed media paintings on paper and other texturized surfaces, such as canvas for example.

"I often choose playful objects to depict or represent as an initial starting point," Richard said. "Then I make connections between image and text or between text and image."

The current art exhibit started on Jan. 31, and run until Feb. 26. The

exhibit will take place in the gallery and feature many works from Richard that all seem to have something similar in common- a comic book

Artist Tom Richard's pieces characters from the Incredible Hulk to the M &M characters on commercials or on packs of candy.

The characters were brought to life by Richard using many different techniques of drawing as well as

He did this so that the characters would not look as if they were "All of the pieces are based

upon the idea of play. Playing with paint. Playing with images.

Playing with quotes from philosophical and pop culture sources," Richard said.

"In allowing you to play with the pieces, this allows for openended interpretations. The goal is to not necessarily have you form a concrete interpretation, but to allow you to play."

Richard's characters can been

seen in his works interacting in their particular setting or doing something that makes them stand out and set his work apart from any other artist.

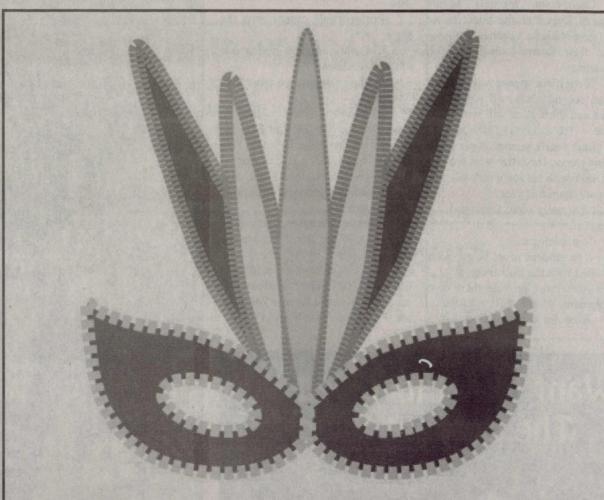
This is an art technique that al-The works vary from depicted lows for emphasis on a certain part of the work that he wants the viewer to pay closer attention to or just to view it in a different light away from the larger work.

"I enjoyed viewing the many different works of art by Tom Richard," junior education

Major Nikki Taylor said. "My favorite piece was the just thrown on a piece of paper and one entitled 'M&M Guy Lecturing to Green M&M's' and the smaller pieces that went along with it, because it reminded me of something you would see on a commercial for

> Taylor also went on to say how much she would have liked to see more art pieces displayed in the Gallery and not just the selected few that were on display.

> "It is like so much more great art pieces were out there by Tom Richard that never got a chance to be



Have a fun and safe Valnetine's Day and Mardi Gras break from all of us here at The Current Sauce.

the ages

Joe Cunningham Editor in chief

ift cards, chocolates, flowers and... martyrdom?

We know that February 14 is the most romantic day of the year, Valentine's Day.

It's the day when we go out and buy chocolate and flowers for that special someone. Kindergarteners buy big, themed boxes of cards for their classmates and students every-

town. Restaurants take more reser- different "Valentines" and romanvations than they have space for.

But, who was St. Valentine and why is there a day named for him?

There are three "Valentines" whose martyrdoms are related to for lovers.

Roman province of Africa.

was a Roman priest martyred during the reign of Claudius II, also known as Claudius Gothicus. Valentine was caught helping persecuted Christians and marrying Christian couples.

It is thought that he was actively marrying so many couples to entine's Day is about the greatest gift

into homosexual military practices, which dated back to ancient Greece.

It was widely held belief that you would fight for your lover with more enthusiasm than if you were fighting for just a ordinary soldier.

Valentine was caught and arrested by Roman guards, and Claudius actually took a liking to the man... until he tried to convert Claudius. He was then condemned to death.

Before he died, according to legend, he healed the jailer's blind daughter and wrote the first "valen-

It read "From your Valentine." It is argued that, prior to Geof-Flowers are delivered all over frey Chaucer, no link between the tic love were ever made. Chaucer wrote a poem entitled "Parliament of Fowls" and introduced the idea that St. Valentine's Day was a special day

Ever since, we have, accord-One was a priest in Rome, one ing to the U.S. Greeting Card Assowas a bishop of Interamna (modern ciation, sent approximately 1 billion Terni) and one was a martyr in the valentines worldwide each year. The holiday falls just behind Christmas The most recognized Valentine as the largest card-sending holiday.

So, on Sunday, as you are sitting down to a romantic candlelit dinner, passing out chocolate or running into Wal-Mart only to find the person in front of you took the last dozen roses, remember that St. Valprevent the men from being coerced we can give to someone. Love.

Love through | American poet comes to campus



Photos by: Tori Ladd/The Current Sauce



NSU Student Government Association brought American poet, writer actor and musician Sual Williams to NSU on Feb. 9. Williams performed pieces of his literature in the Student Union Ballroom to a packed crowd. In between his spoken word, Williams encouraged the audience to ask him questions. Williams was very animated and kept his audience attention while changing his pitch and switching between spoken word and singing every few line.

Freshman biology major Kym Mommy expressed her excitment about the show.

"I really hope they bring more people in, I enjoyed it."

NAACP plans

for 2nd annual

Tori Ladd Life Editor

he NSU chapter of the National Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) will be hosting their second annual "Light's, Camera, Action" talent in the latter part of the

Chairperson Marquis Montgomery feels that the talent show will give students a chance to showcase their talents outside of the

"First place winner will win \$75 prize, second place will win a \$50 prize and third place will win a \$25

Last year's winner, sophomore music major Tory Bias won the talent show with his voice and will participate again this year.

"It's really nice, I enjoyed it,"

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-Provide your own audio for the audition and the performance.

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-No more than five people per

-Can only appear once in the show and only once per audition

-Professionals cannot enter the show.

-Can only audition during one of the three dates.

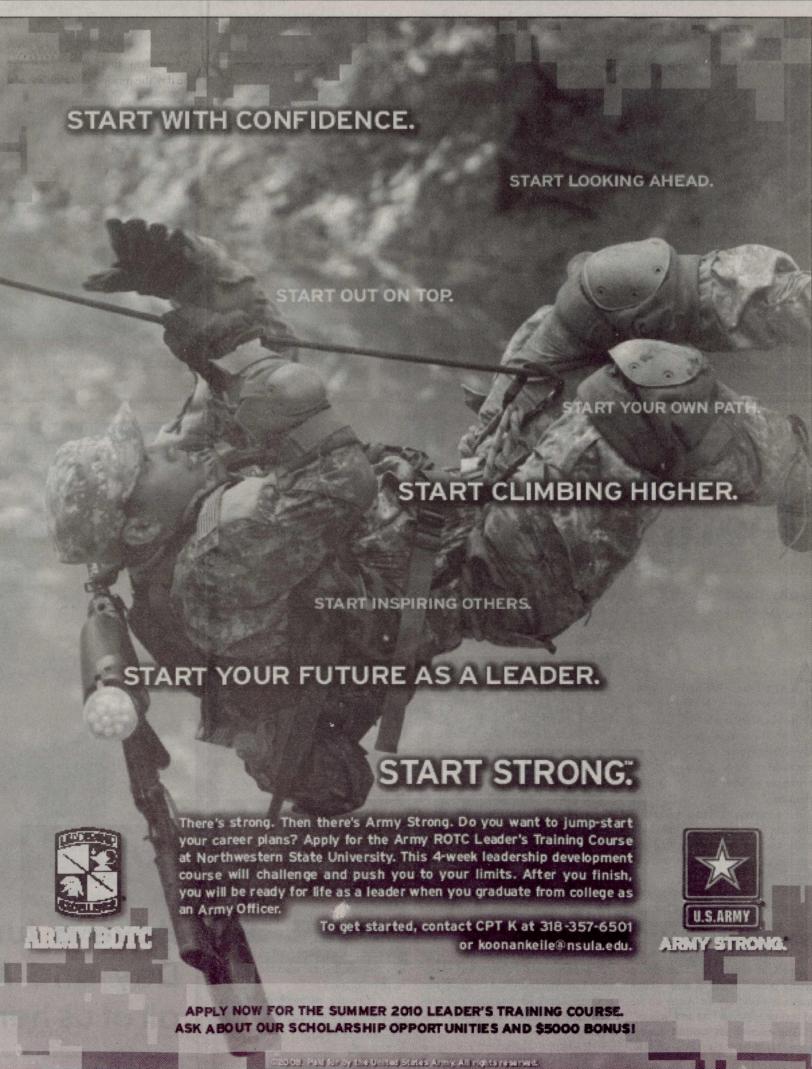
-Groups can have no more than five people.

Auditions will take place in room 321 on Feb. 10 and Feb. 11, and in the Cane River Room on Feb. 12 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. The student will be given a maximum of 2 minutes to audition, and cannot audition twice in one day.

The talent show is schedule to be on Mar. 11 or Mar. 17 in Magale

"We hope to have a nice turn out like last year," junior business administration major Ronnie Washington, President of the NAACP said.

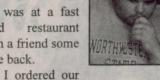




Half the Battle: Spoiled rotten

Joe Cunningham Editor in chief

food restaurant with a friend some time back.



food right after this big guy who had walked in before us.

I had ordered a fair amount of food and was waiting on our order when the guy in front of us walked away with his tray.

Not too long later, he came back up to the counter and told the server that he had asked for no onions.

The employee apologized and got him another sandwich. The man returned to his seat, only to get up

He returned to the counter once more and demanded a sandwich with no... well, he didn't ask them to hold the onions politely.

The employee was confused. He couldn't imagine that an order would be made incorrectly twice. He got the man a new sandwich, and the gentlemen went to his seat once

At this point, I had the food and was going to get the drinks. When I turned around, I saw a box fly in front of my face, hit the server, and fall to the counter.

The onion hater stood up, shouting obscene words, and demanded to see a manager.

This is not a story about bad ser-

This is a story about a man who was unsatisfied and was extremely rude about it. He was angry that the sandwich's sauce had onions in it.

We, as a nation, have spoiled

It amazes me just how terrible people will act when it comes to restaurant food. If you want it done a certain way, make it yourself.

A guy can be waiting in line at a fast food restaurant and pose the query "Why is it taking so long?"

Really? Why is it taking so long? You're in your car waiting for someone to deep-fry a burger for you. Someone is making you a meal for \$4 and you didn't have to get out of your car.

What amazes me is that these fast food workers don't throw boiling grease on you.

I know that a large percent of food service workers aren't the brightest lights on Front Street, but you don't have to be a total ass to them because they mixed up an order or gave you a tomato.

I have friends who get spat on by customers and I have friends that

It pains me to see people acting so crudely to a person who just tried to bring them their meal.

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Middle Child POV: To judge the jury

Paul Randall Adams Staff Columnist

iotr Illych Tchaikovsky is still revered as one of the world's greatest composers.



Hardly Christmas season passes that retail stores don't play snippets of his music from The Nutcracker as shoppers line their aisles.

The lovers' theme from his Romeo and Juliet can be heard on a Tampax commercial today, in fact.

He wrote beautiful music and was successful as a composer. However, rumors began to fly and the belief spread that Tchaikovsky was

Quickly, he began to lose popularity and success. Tchaikovsky was being shunned because he was pos-

Today, people continue to be ridiculed for their sexual orientation. In this forward-thinking world, there are still hate crimes against homosexuality.

When people first meet me, they automatically assume that I am gay. I am extremely bothered by this.

Oddly enough, I'm not upset because the assumptions are wrong. I'm upset because it shows that my sexual preference obviously matters to somebody.

it means that it has a weight on their opinion of me.

If they ponder it that hard, then

But why are these assumptions made at all?

Does being homosexual change one's value as an intellectual - as a

It's baffling to see the amount of people who go to great lengths to avoid contact with gays.

They then say that their moral codes or their religious beliefs insist that homosexuality is wrong.

These people continue to have friends who break laws, who steal, maybe use drugs or perhaps drank while still underage.

These are also wrong, according to most moral codes - as breaking the law never seems to be a good thing - but apparently not reason enough to avoid contact.

So where does the difference lie? What causes one to be worse than the other?

It's disconcerting to see that so much emphasis has been placed on a person's characteristics.

From race to gender, from sexuality to the color of one's hair, people are being discriminated against for so many things that they cannot

Face it - people are different. They will always be different.

If that is the basis for judging one's value, one's character, then perhaps you should begin judging yourself.

Because you, too, are different than everybody else. The fact of the matter is that people are people.

Be they tall or short, fat or skinny, blonde, brunette, black, white,

These characteristics have no bearing on their value as people or their role in society.

If a person is not doing something wrong by definition of the law or harming others, then he is not up to be judged.

His value does not become any less because of one characteristic.

Would Celine Dionne sell fewer records or win fewer awards if she were Asian?

Would Abraham Lincoln have not abolished slavery if he had been

Would Tchaikovsky have written any less beautiful music had he been straight?

It's affable to believe that any of the characteristics would have changed the course of history.

So why, now? Why, in this forward-thinking, be-who-you-wantto-be kind of world are these judgments still passed? Why do these characteristics matter?

Wake up and smell the coffee. We're neither judge, nor jury. Our judgments are inane.

The day the music died Zach McLendon years that you thought sounded like

Guest Columnist

Opinionated Spirits: Management Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

ple gain two types of education: academic and social. The social aspect



would not exist if it weren't for the academic side, of course.

However, There are important factors to consider while one enjoys the social aspect of college life.

The first thing to remember is time management.

A problem that many students have in this aspect of college life is setting aside more time for socializing and drinking than they do for studying and preparing for academ-

When plotting out one's college adventure, a person must also always expect delays.

the occasional Monday or Tuesday night birthday of a close friend turnspeed bumps that could disrupt your or tests.

well-planned schedule of events to better manage your time.

The most honest advice I have heard pertaining to how to properly organize a schedule in college since I began college was from an NSU way to go is to study during the week

and party on the weekend. It seemed so simple to me at first. It just seemed like something a parent would say or a high school teacher. His comments sunk in more

than others in the past, however. I began to think about all the times I had swapped bottles for books, and vice versa, and how many times it had paid off. It was then I began to realize the benefits of lems left unsolved and papers left placing the academic side of college

ahead of the social side. periences, I realized that there was always more fun to be had on the weekends than during the week any-

Weekday beer pong nights and end would always be more fun with friends on the weekend when the school work was done and there ing 21 are just two small examples of were no worries about assignments

I realized that when drinking was included during the week it usually affected school wrok. A sober week will alayws result in higher

When one deidces to drink dunalumni. He suggested to me that the rig the week, it will most lielky affect their efoftrs throughout the week.

If stdeunts learn to have patience uitnl the wekened when it comes to dirknnig, then perhaps we can eevtnaully reach a preoid when dirknnig is not thought of as such an esensiatl part of college life.

Drinking smilpy causes too many prboelms when it comes to

Assignmnts can be lost, probgarmatilcay incorrect.

The only way to efifceitnly get When I looked back on my ex- through these prooelms is to have a set plan of not dirkning during the week and setnitg out to have a healthy and task oriented scedhule.

By focusing on academics and Any drinking done on the week- not just the soaicl aspect of colegle, students can more efficiently focus on the tsaks ahead of them and hpoeufly accomplish their gaols (and, of course, be able to correctly spell words while writing columns).



when a free concert at Altamont MLB allowing its players to use turned into a Hell's Angels rally. But for this music lover, I say

it was the day that Antares Audio Technologies invented Auto-Tune. For those of you who are not

familiar with Auto-Tune, it is a computer program that can make any third-rate karaoke singer sound like Whitney Houston.

Almost every major studio around the world is equipped with Auto-Tune, and it has been used to manipulate many famous voices

Really think about that. Any popular singer from the last thirteen an angel may instead just be a cheap knock-off of real talent. These singers are manufactured

and processed everyday, like offbrand fabrics or TV dinners, and sold to the masses at unfair markups. What makes things worse is that

the National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences (NARAS) condones Auto-Tune as a godsend. This is the equivalent of the

steroids or the Louvre displaying a color-by-numbers. These falsehoods are not tolerated, so why should Au-Now there are many arguments

that can be made that Auto-Tune is a good thing such as "it corrects offkey notes" and that "it perfects the music experience."

I guess I am part of that dying breed that thinks music should never be perfect. Music is what raw human emotion sounds like, and humanity is not perfect, so why should our mu-

And I'm sure that there are least they're real.

those of you who disagree, but let me ask you this: Can you name 50 songs from last year?

How about the year before that? My bet is that you can't, and do you want to know why? Because they

They were created in a computer, electronically altered to be perfect, but it seems the more perfect they are, the less human emotion they have.

It's that lack of emotion that makes it hard to name, even remember, 50 songs from last year.

However, there are those tiny bright specs of hope that make the darkness of a radio worth it, but they are few and far between. They are those songs that get inside of you and stay there forever, with out the slightest help of Auto-Tune.

But I guess a music purist like myself can only hope that a cure is soon discovered for this Auto-Tune epidemic, but until then I'll stick with my Bob Dylan and Pink Floyd.

They may not be perfect...but at

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Bs'in with the Bull: Who Dat?!

Andy Bullard Sports Editor



he one that nakes me most upset is when people tell me "Sports matter!"

I have heard this and many other things such as, "It's just a game," and "In the grand scheme of everything, it doesn't affect anything but the players wallet," before.

My response to that is...The Saints are the Super Bowl Champi-

Let me repeat that again, real quick, just in case you missed it. The Saints are the Super Bowl Champi-

I say that because up until this season, the words "Saints" and "Super Bowl" never belonged in the same sentence.

That is no longer the case.

This was an amazing victory for the New Orleans Saints, a huge win for the state of Louisiana and an even bigger win for the city of New

Let's think back on all the bad things that have happened to the city of New Orleans.

First off, they have had arguably one of the worst football teams in NFL history.

The Saints have even had Super Bowl Champion and Hall of Fame coaches such as Mike Ditka, head coach of the 1985 Super Bowl Champion Chicago Bears, and Hank Stram, head coach of the Super Bowl IV Champion Kansas City Chiefs.

Even with these coaches, the Saints were only able to manage a 264-381-5 since the team's inception into the NFL in 1967.

This is ranked in the bottom five for teams with at least 200 games played.

Also, there was Hurricane Ka-

That is something that needs no

explanation at all. People are still trying to recover

Then, because of the hurricane, the Saints had to set up shop in San Antonio, and even had to play a home game aganist the New York

Giants in New York. On top of all that, Tom Benson, Saints owner, wanted to move the team to San Antonio.

There is a laundry list of other things that could be listed here. We could spend all day discussing every bad thing that has happend to New Orleans and the Saints.

But with this victory, all of that is erased. Because of this one win by this team in this one game, which let's face it is "just a game," every bad thing is now erased.

The doubts and fears have been replaced with hope and optimism.

This is one of the biggest things that could have ever happened to the city of New Orleans.

It almost seems unfair when you think about it for the Colts.

I say that because the Colts had 53 guys in uniform, but the Saints had millions.

The Saints had every person that was affected by Katrina, every fan that has known someone to wear a brown paper bag over their head

when the Saints were the "Aints." Anybody that has ever had anything bad happen to them while living there was rooting for them.

But because of this win by this team, all is forgiven.

And this is something that could quite possibly be the jump start that gets the city of New Orleans out of its rut and returns it to the great and prominent city it use to be.

Because of this one team that won that one game, change can hap-

Now tell me sports don't matter.



on the season and 5-3 in the conference after Saturday night's 86-82 loss to University of Texas-Arlington in Prather Coliseum.

The Lady Demons started strong and built an 8-2 lead five minutes into the game, but the Lady Mayericks went on a 5-0 run to bring the game within one.

With 10:29 to play in the first half, the Lady Demons were up 19-16, but a scoring drought and good offense by the Lady Mavericks gave UTA their largest lead in the game.

The Lady Mavericks went on a comeback attempt. 19-6 run to push the score to 37-25 with 1:25 to play in the first half.

icks were up by double-digits, leadscore being 40-28.

the first half was the difference of comeback the game," Head Coach Jennifer Graf said. "The difference was us giving up 86 points. There are very few games you're going to win when giving up that many points."

In the second half, the Lady Demons put together a 15-5 run to close the gap to five, with the score being 50-45, but the lead would eventually

The Lady Demons continued to fight and got the lead back down to six after two baskets and a free throw by Trudy Armstead with 5:24 left in regulation.

But once again, everything would go UTA's way. The Lady Mays scored the next 10 of 12 shots and pushed the lead to 12 points.

The Lady came back from a 12-point deficit with 3:02 left in the Anna Cate Williams, Armstead

and Lyndzee Greene fueled another

Williams sank a three ball followed by two layups from Armstead At halftime, the Lady Maver- and Greene making the score 77-72.

NSU would then cut the lead ing the Lady Demons by 12 with the to three, but in the final minute, UTA made seven free throws to end "I don't think that drought in the Lady Demons' hopes of a final

"We did a good job offensively in the second half," Graf said. "We were able to get the ball down low to Sherrion (Thomas) and Trudy (Arm-

"I thought we really outmatched them there. But defensively, we just didn't do a good job guarding and let them have too many transition buck-

The Lady Demons went 50 percent from the floor in the second half compared to the 28 percent they shot in the first.

Armstead led the lady Demons in scoring with a career-high 23 points. She found the net

Senior NSU forward Thomas bagged a double-double with 18 points and 11 rebounds.

Senior NSU guard Greene also had a career-high 17 points while junior Brittany Houston added to the total points with 11 of her own.

This game continued the streak the Lady Mavericks' hold of coach

The Lady Mavs have a nine game winning streak over the Lady Demons while Graff is head coach. The Lady Demons' next game

is Wednesday at 7 p.m. in Prather The team play host to Stephen F. Austin. This is the second time the

two teams face each other this sea-

Photo by Gary Hardamon Senior guard Lynzee Green (15) putting up a well contended shot on her way to a career-high 17 points.



Andy Bullard Sports Editor

lthough this week has been rough for the Demon basketball team on the court, there was a bright spot off

DEMONS

Photo by Gary Hardamon

Senior forward Sherrion Thomas

(24) putting up a shot in the lane,

on her way to a double-double in

the 86-82 loss to UTA.

Brothers Michael and Logan scoring 18 and 13 respectively. McConathy for the second straight year have been elected to the ESPN the Magazine Academic All-District

VI basketball team. names will appear on the Academic All-American voting ballot later this six blocks.

As for on the court, the Demon basketball team has always been a

slow-to-develop team. strong push toward the end of the season to vault them into the conference tournament.

But losing to McNeese State 92-85, and the University Texas-Arlington 81-80, won't help vault the Demons anywhere except toward

the cellar. this is as well as we played together all year long," Demons Head Coach

Mike McConathy said.

In the McNeese game, the Demons did play well together, and done," McConathy said. "But I'm scoring came from everywhere.

Senior guard Demon Jones led the way with a game high, 19 points.

Will Pratt and Devon Baker also had a double-digit night for NSU,

Shamir Davis, Michael Mc-Conathy and William Mosley each added eight.

Mosley also had a huge game With this honor, both of their on the boards, collecting a team-high 15 rebounds. He also accounted for

> Mosley is also currently 3rd in the nation in blocks per game.

With the Demons losing some momentum at home against MSU, NSU has always relied on a NSU hoped to regain traction against UTA, but a 10-foot jumper with 4.3 seconds left on the clock would 7-13 overall and 2-5 in SLC play, leave the Demons in the same rut it look to regain some of the momenentered the game in.

came from everywhere, with Will Stephen F. Austin Lumberjacks, to-Pratt leading the way with 16.

Charles Clark had a career night "This is disappointing, because scoring 15. Damon Jones and Devon the Bears of Central Arkansas on Baker both added 12.

"Missed free throws, not just for 2 p.m.

the last two, burned us. Some of our best free throw shooters didn't get it not going to let that detract from the effort and togetherness that was our best this year.

"We didn't do anything-remarkable stat wise, but the heart our guys showed, we got better tonight. We just didn't win."

Those missed free throws have been an Achilles heel for the Demons all season.

NSU only manages to shoot 60 percent from the charity stripe.

Along with only being able to shoot 60 percent from the free throw line, the Demons also could only muster a paltry 38 percent from the

The Demons with a record of tum lost this week as they travel Scoring for the Demons, again, to Nagadoches, Texas to play the

> The Demons then play host to Saturday, Feb. 13. Tip-off is slated

NSU Indoor Track results at the Texas Tech Open

Women

lessica Tuck, 10th, 25.28; Angelica Kotun, 12th, 25.37; Jazmen Wilams, 13th, 25.57; Shamaigun VanBuren, 21st, 26.03; Amanda Freeman, 30th, 26.56.

400

Constance Seibles, 13th, 59.28; Erin Knox, 24th, 1:00.99; Carmen Wallace, 26th, 1:01.05

800

Andrea Warren, 2nd, 2:15.36; Lawana Perkins, 8th, 2:20.37

Mile

Karensa Ellis, 5th, 5:22.99

3000

Karensa Ellis, 7th, 11:00.52; Allison Fontenot, 10th, 11:24.49

High jump Keyera Thomas, 3rd, 5-2 1/2

Long jump Jessica Tuck, 2nd, 18-8

Shot put Trecey Rew, 2nd, 51-0; Chantel Bratton, 7th, 42-10 1/2

Weight throw DeJon Griffin, 3rd, 53-11 3/4; Janae Allen, 7th, 46-6 1/4

Men

200 Justin Walker, 4th, 21.73; Kendall Taylor, 8th, 22.07; Quincy Davison,

21st, 22.64; Chris Greer, 38th, 23.54

Michael Green, 3rd, 47.46; Michael Batts, 21st, 50.07; Jamie Emery.

28th, 50.55; Adam Smith, 54th, 54.52

800 Nick Darby, 30th, 2:03.62

Mile run Mark Dotson, 13th, 4:34.28; Chris Lanier, 24th, 4:49.88

> 5000 Kyle Lessig, 10th, 16:06.16

High jump

Josh Commiato, 2nd, 6-8 1/4; Greg Hall, 4th, 6-6 1/4

Rechard Llorens, 11th, 21-6; Reginald Douglas, 12th, 21-3 1/4

Triple jump Reginald Douglas, 7th, 46-10 1/4

Long jump

Shot put

Morgan Redmon, 7th, 47-9



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Terasa says goodbye to NSU

David Royal New Editor

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

SU's Division of Student Affairs held a reception to honor Fred Terasa's nine years of service to the university on

Terasa retired Friday as NSU's director of the Friedman Student

He first came to NSU in 1980 while he was still in the U.S. Army. He was an instructor for the Army ROTC for four years before leaving to work at the University of Georgia.

In 2005, Terasa returned to NSU and held positions for a number of departments, including University Columns and Student Affairs.

Director of Student Affairs Yonna Pasch worked closely with Terasa, and said he will be missed

by both NSU officials and students.

"Mr. Fred was a valuable asset to Student Affairs," Pasch said. "I wish him well with his future en- ing closely with the students," deavors.'

Dean of Students Chris Maggio shared a similar sentiment toward

"Fred has been an outstanding employee and a wonderful ambassador for our university," Maggio said. 'We will certainly miss his commitment and dedication to NSU."

Terasa explained that although it will be difficult to leave the university and the people behind, it will be nice to relax and enjoy the benefits of his hard work.

Chris Sampite replaced Terasa as the director of the student union explained.

Like Terasa, Sampite has served in numerous positions at NSU involving athletics, housing and the Physical Plant.

Sampite, who has worked for the university for 12 years, said he is excited to be in a new and challeng-

"I'm looking forward to work-Sampite said.

He said one goal he has planned for the student union is to renovate The Alley, which is located on the first floor and was once used by many Recognized Student Organizations.

Sampite said the area has great potential, and it should be a priority to revitalize it.

The first phase would include replacing the flooring, lights and furniture. Then he would identify ways to make The Alley more fun and attractive to students, Sampite

Pasch said she is confident Sampite will do well in his new po-

"I'm excited to be working with Chris Sampite," Pasch said. "He seems to be motivated and willing to work for the students' best interest."



Photo by Amanda Duncil/ The Current Sauce

Fred Terasa (right) stands with his wife and Dean of Students Chris Maggio at his retirement reception held on Thursday. Tarasa worked for NSU for around nine years and retired as the director of Friedman Student Union.

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2010 Miss Lady of the Bracelet visited three patients at the St Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria this past weekend to show her support for the Children's Miracle Network and to try to brighten the patients' day.

Miss LOB reaches out to less fortunate

McCord visits ill children at St. Frances Cabrini Hospital

David Royal News Editor

Varley McCord, NSU's 2010 , Miss Lady of the Bracelet, visited children receiving care at St. Frances Cabrini Hospital in Alexandria this past weekend.

McCord's trip was meant to support the Miss Louisiana platform of bringing awareness and raising funds for the Children's Miracle Network.

She spent time with three patients at the hospital – an infant only about a week old, a baby around 2 years old and a girl around 17 years

In addition to spending time and car washes. with the patients, McCord also brought them Easter baskets.

nior criminal justice major.

"You know you're reaching out and touching their hearts, but at the same time you are reminded of the condition they have to live in."

The parents of the ill children also got a great deal out of her visit, McCord said.

"I think it gave the parents hope when they saw me going out to make a difference in their children's lives," McCord is working with 2009

Miss Lady of the Bracelet Brittany Pippin to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network. They are planning fundraising

events, such as a softball tournament

Also, McCord said they hope to work with the local schools to pro-It was an amazing experience, vide the opportunity for students to donate \$1 to the Children's Miracle "It was kind of a bitter sweet Network in exchange for being almoment," said McCord, who is a se- lowed to wear jeans to class, instead

of their normal school uniform.

Before being chosen as Miss LOB, McCord had already held multiple events, including a walk-athon and candy and bake sales.

With those previous events, McCord raised about \$1200 that went toward a playground for the Children's Miracle Network located in Baton Rouge. McCord is also planning to

raise awareness and funds for her own personal platform of curing paralysis.

"We have the technology to cure [paralysis,]" McCord said.

"We just need the funding to make it a reality."

All of these events will take place before June, which is when the Miss Louisiana Pageant will be held in Monroe, explained McCord.

McCord will be competing against about 26 other contestants.



Student Government Association Weekly Update

- Due to the fact that it was unable to maintain quorom in its regular meeting, the SGA will hold an emergency meeting this week to vote on four bills.
- The bills addressed at the emergency meeting will relate to Iberville nutrition and sanitation, Black Board's text feature and class dismissal for Research Day.
 - Tabled bills for next weeks meetings include a music fee proposal, feminine hygiene product request and traffic conjection.
 - At this point, two sets of running mates have signed up for this year's SGA Presidential/Vice Presidential race: Mark Daniels/Patrick Brooks and Matthew Morrison/Ruth Wisher.

-Shanice Major is running for SGA Treasurer unopposed.

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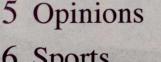
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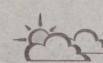


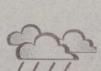














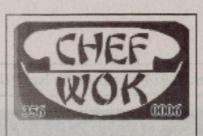
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Speed dating:

Zeta Phi Beta plays match maker

Taylor Graves
Staff Reporter

ollege is a place for learning, new experiences, partying and dating. Often times, many students marry their college sweethearts.

The sisters of Zeta Phi Beta, Inc., try to help their fellow colleagues each semester by sponsoring a speed dating night in Friedman Student Union Ballroom.

"It is a free event that gives singles on campus a chance to mingle in a safe and relaxing atmosphere," said Anesha Roberson, the president of Zeta Phi Beta.

According to www.nyeasy-dates.com, 95 percent of men and 80 percent of women report a positive experience at speed dating.

Zeta Phi Beta turns the student union ballroom into a calm, stressfree environment once a semester so students can enjoy the excitement of speed dating.

Students sat at tables decorated with rose petals and chocolate candies.

Upon arriving, each attendee was given a mint, dating questions, pen and a nametag. Participants also received a scorecard so they could remember what they liked and disliked about each person.

The sorpity added the rose petals and scorecards this semester to keep the event new and different.

After everyone arrived, they sat at tables and were given seven minutes to date. When time was up, the students rotated to the next table.

The idea of speed dating seemed to go over well with the students.

"I think speed dating is a great way to meet new people," Garrison Moore, junior vocal music performance major, said.

"It's a great way to get to know the opposite sex for a relationship and/or friendship," he said.

Moore was successful at the speed-dating event when he met someone who shared his musical interests.

"One never knows what can

happen or who will show up," he said.

There were 35 people that at-

tended the speed-dating event.

According to www.nyeasy-dates.com, 60 percent of women -

compared to only 10 percent of men-take friends with them to speed dating.

Since 1974, the NSU Zeta Phi
Beta chapter has been active on cam-

pus and through service and charitable projects.

Zeta Phi Beta often volunteer at the Stork's Nest, a program that supports pregnancies in low-income homes, and partake in campus ac-

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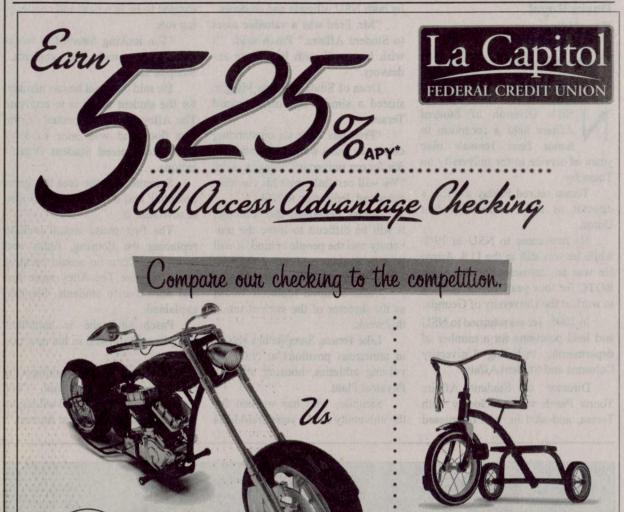
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online.

Zeta Phi Beta will continue to bring love once every semester to NSU through speed dating.

Fast Fact

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, as of November 2008, Louisiana's unemployment rate was at 5.3.



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A message from the Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals.



Half the Battle: Who's asking?

Joe Cunningham Editor in chief

on't ask. Don't tell.

In the military, it was a term that referred to the policy of not asking a person's sex-

uality, and not revealing your own. Up until recently, there wasn't a whole lot of fuss about it.

But, ever since the idea to repeal the policy came up, we can't seem to stop talking about it.

I'm awestruck at some of the discussion that goes on. It's evolved (or, perhaps, devolved) into the ageold discussion of whether we should allow gays into the military.

Why not? We can allow 18 year olds into

the military. We are seeking to lift a ban on women serving on submarines. But we're still not down with letting gays actively and openly serve in the

Let me get this straight... you want to deny gays, lesbians, bisexuals and transgenders/sexuals citizenship in the U.S.?

I mean, you are denying them their rights as a citizen to defend their country. Let's take away their right to vote next. Keeping people

from being able to vote has worked so well in the past, right?

These people are incredibly brave for wanting to fight for their

They want to serve us. And... you won't let them? Because you are so incredibly biased that you can't see past their private lives?

A 2006 poll asked military members how they felt about gays and lesbians in the military.

26% were in favor of gays and lesbians serving in the military, 37% opposed gays and lesbians serving, and 37% expressed no preference or

66% of respondents who had experience with gavs or lesbians in their unit said that the presence of gay or lesbian unit members had either no impact or a positive impact on their personal morale, while 64% said as much for overall unit morale.

In terms of respondents that were uncertain whether they had served with gay or lesbian personnel, 51% thought that such unit members would have a neutral or positive effect on personal morale, while 48% thought that they would have a negative effect on unit morale.

73% of respondents said that they felt comfortable in the presence of gay and lesbian personnel.

So... they're mostly OK with it. Why are those of us who don't serve feel so strongly against it?

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> It's also funny how much we learn about ourselves when

of others.

Paul Randall Adams

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Staff Columnist

we're put in an uncomfortable situ-Monday, I was put in a situation

that I was completely unprepared As an avid church-goer, it was

not unusual for me to attend a revival with my friend, Jessica, at a church foreign to both of us. However, as the night went on, as the sermon dragged into the third

hour and the preacher droned on incoherently, we began to fidget, whisper and text message, hoping to find We became uncomfortable and our "fight or flight" instinct kicked

Jessica was angry, back-talking the preacher under her breath, and complaining about the irrelevance of the things he was saying. I simply wanted out.

Fight and flight.

impossible to fight our animal in-

Mondays with Maurice

Middle Child POV:

We were saved, at long last, by the celebration of song that followed and left the night feeling less shaken flaws out their faces. than we expected to be.

me more about myself than I've learned in a long time.

was able to tell me my entire life story, it seemed.

He was able to read in me the types of things I have gone through

He was able to tell me my reservations about meeting new people, and where many of my personality traits are a hindrance to my person.

My eyes were opened to a side of myself that I had never discov-

I was more revived at the fast food restaurant than I was at the church revival. All thanks to Mau-

How often do people stop to reevaluate themselves because of something that somebody said? How often do we stop to take a look at ourselves from another's perspec-

How often are we grateful for the Maurices in life, those who are willing to tell you point-blank how

I learned then that it is almost they feel about you and what they see in you?

> More often that not, we avoid being like Maurice.

> We avoid pointing people's

We, instead, snicker behind We dined that night with Mau- their backs and make off-handed rice, a friend-of-a-friend, who taught jokes that they don't quite under-

It's nice to look at the world In a few short minutes, Maurice like Maurice. It's nice to look over the world, and honestly assess it.

And to have no fear sharing that

Sometimes I fear that I wouldn't be my own friend, if I saw me the way that he did.

How many others are there who feel the same way?

How many others feel that if they saw themselves through another's eyes, they would not want to be associated with themselves?

I wonder if we become the people we are because of that fight or flight that's built in us.

Getting close to people causes us to be uncomfortable, at first, so we fight or we fly.

We fear people will not like what they see. So we make ourselves unapproachable.

We preemptively make ourselves unattractive. Why?

Isn't it funny how much one can learn over a double cheeseburger?

Colloquium:

On crime, part two

Eric Guidry Guest Columnist

recently had opportunity to listen to an economist lecture on how the war on drugs has done nothing but make the profit

rise and increase violence in the industry. I thought I would share what I learned

First of all, the war on drugs has been a black hole for our economy. We continually pour tax dollars into an ineffective prison system and spend countless dollars on task forces to stop drug crimes.

Currently in America, more than half the inmates are in prison due to this war on drugs.

The first step taken in the war on drugs was to create more resistance. This should decrease participation, but all it did was increase the price of the drugs.

Normally, the increase in the cost of the product is due to increase in production cost. This acts as a balance so to keep the profit the same.

intangible variable, risk of going to the cops, and I will be immediately prison.

So, if the person never gets caught, his increase in production cost is nonexistence, whereas his increase in price is quite large.

This makes his profit astronomical. Large profit will lure more people into the industry, but only those that are willing to take the risk of getting caught. Now we have created an entire industry of risk-takers.

So we increased the penalty for drug trafficking to decrease participation, but the industry is now composed of risk-takers; it didn't work. So we decided to make the penalty

One theory on why people will continually commit crimes is because of how long our system takes to give punishment. It will often be over a year before a person who committed a crime will be put in jail.

Making the law that a person will go directly to jail if caught sell or producing drugs should have worked, but again we are dealing with a risk-taking industry.

If a drug producer's farm is found by a passerby, the producer

Now, the price is going up due to an thinks "I could let this person go tell brought to prison for 40 years; OR I could get rid of him in the hopes that the cops don't find out."

> On a side note, if he is caught, he will probably get less than 40 years and it will be two years before he goes to jail anyway.

> So all the war on drugs has done is increase the violence of those involved and increased their profit. What should we do?

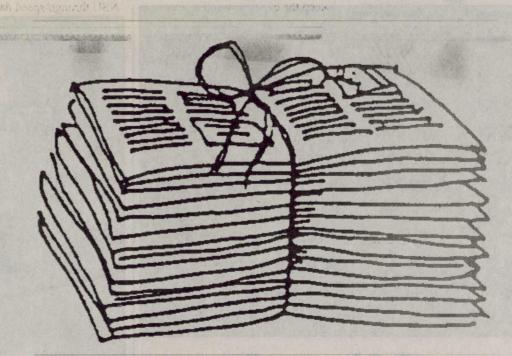
How about legalize the less harmful drugs. We saw the same problems we are seeing now during prohibition, and legalizing alcohol reduced the problems. Every economist in America knows that legalizing drugs would benefit.

It brings in revenue, it would lower crime, we would not need to allocate so many police officers to the drug task force and we would spend less money on the prison system. So why haven't less harmful drugs been legalized?

Politics!

"Colloquium" is part of a series on crime written by the senior colloquium class of Louisiana Scholar's College.

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Gaining momentum down the stretch

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

team held off a late push by Lamar University to Prather Coliseum.

The win moved the Demons to 10-15 on the season and 5-7 in the Lamar connected on a three point Southland Conference while hand- basket to close the game to four. ing the Cardinals their third consec-

and now it's showing on the score- 36 seconds left in the game. board," Head Coach Mike McConafor us that helped make the differ-

"We worked very hard, we 82-76 played unselfish basketball, and we fought through the rough patches tributed to the scoreboard. It was and showed some toughness holding on at the end."

forth action in the opening minutes. Seven lead changes and five ties came about before NSU took the lead for the last time, just after the midway point in the first half.

The Demons went on a 18-4 run before halftime to push the score to thy had a season-high seven assist in 45-33, but the Cardinals closed the gap by scoring the last six points of the half.

to go up by 11 points, but the Cardi-Coy Custer scored on a slam dunk plays host to Texas State.

with 6:02 left in the game.

The Demons cooled off Lamar's sizzling senior forward Justin he NSU Demon basketball Nabors after he scorched NSU with 21 points in the first half.

Nabors finished the game with win their third consecutive game by a career-high 26 points and 11 rethe score of 82-79 Saturday night in bounds while grabbing his 12th double-double along the way

Just under the one-minute mark,

NSU's Devon Baker was fouled, but made two free throws "Our team has made progress that potentially iced the game with

Lamar continued to fight and hit thy said. "Every one of our (13) guys a three pointer with 26 seconds left, who hit the floor today made a play but Baker would again cash in at the charity strip pushing the Demons' lead up to five with the score being

NSU had 10 players that conanother day in the office for NSU's three stars. Senior guard Damon The game was full of back and Jones posted a 14-point performance, while junior transfers Baker and Will Pratt had 19 points each. Pratt also snagged a career-high 11 rebounds and earned his first collegiate double-double.

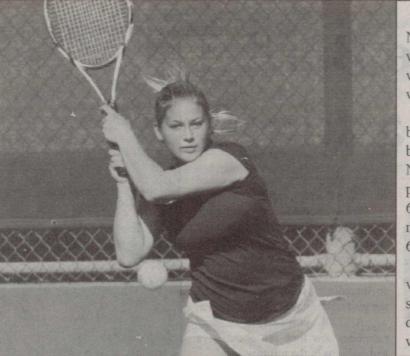
> Senior guard Michael McCona-26 minutes played.

The Demon basketball team's next game is Wednesday night as the After halftime, NSU managed team visits Texas-San Antonio. The team's next home court appearance nals crept within five after Lamar's is Saturday at 2 p.m. when NSU



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Will Pratt scored 19 points in the Demons' 82-79 victory over Lamar this past Saturday night at Prather Coliseum



NSU's freshmen Andrea Nedorostova was named this week's Southland Conference women's tennis player of the

Nedorostova was a combined 6-0 in singles and doubles action against Tulane, New Orleans and Houston this past week. She helped spark a 6-1 victory for the Lady Demons at Houston with a 6-0, 6-2 win at No. 5 singles.

For the season, Nedorostova is a perfect 4-0 on the season in singles action and 4-0 in doubles competition teaming with Martina Rebesova.



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Contractor	Feb. 27	MBKB	Texas St.	2 p.m.
Section 1	Feb. 28	WTEN	McNeese St.	11 a.m.
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Stumbling down the stretch

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

score in double figures, the Lady Demons' bas-University's Lady Cardinals 84-67 to push the score to 42-29. Saturday in Beaumont, Texas.

their fourth in the last five games and squared their in-conference record off at 6-6.

"Defensively, we just weren't there at all," NSU Head Coach Jennifer Graf said. "We didn't do a good job of getting back on defense and contesting shots. We also turned the ball over too many times and couldn't knock down some easy shots."

The Lady Cardinals ran the break well and was reward with 14 Shepherd and Trudy Armstead each fast break points.

"Taking nothing away from Lamar, but I really believe we beat our- dzee Greene added 10. selves today," Graf said.

ball over 19 times, which led to 48.4. Lamar capitalizing and scoring 22 points of their own.

In the opening minutes, the outrebounded 41-34 Lady Cards and Lady Demons couldn't buy a bucket.

Lamar missed its first nine shots, and NSU missed their first four.

The game was tied at 15-all just above the 10 minute mark. Lamar connected on a jumper that gave espite having five players them a lead that they never relin-

With 6:21 left in the first half, ketball team fell to Lamar the Lady Cards went on a 13-2 run

Up by 13 at the half with the The loss gave the Lady Demons score being 48-35, the Lady Cardinals came out blazing and went on a 19-5 run to give Lamar a 27-point

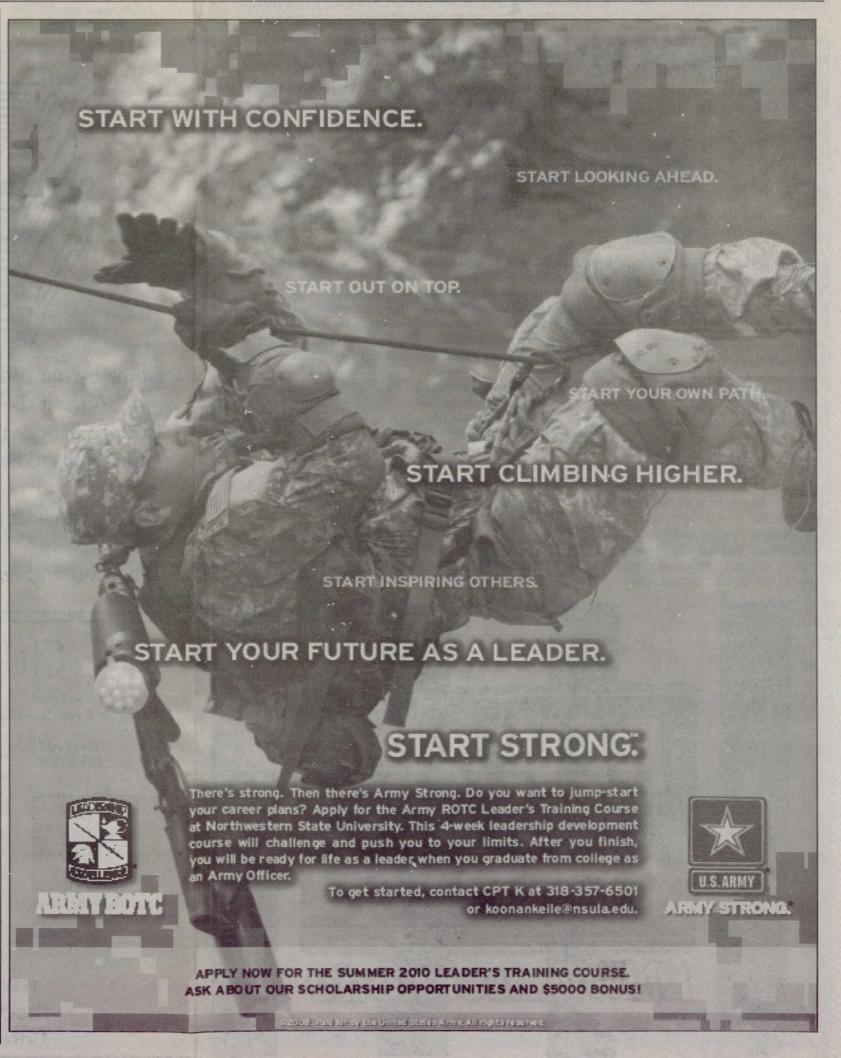
> The Lady Cardinals were led by Brittany Williams with 18 points. Kalis Lloyd added 15 of her own and and Danielle Heithoff followed her with a career-high 13 points of her own. Jenna Plumey banked her fifth double-double of the season with a 10 points-12 assist performance

Brittiany Houston, Brooke scored 14 points, while Sherrion Thomas added 11 points, and Lyn-

As a whole, NSU shot 38.7 per-The Lady Demons turned the cent as opposed to the Lady Card's

NSU was not able to get above the 40 rebound mark as they were

The Lady Demons' next game is Wednesday night in Prather Coliseum at 7 p.m. The team plays host to Texas- San Antonio.



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Provost search narrowed down to two

Sarah Cramer Staff Reporter

he Provost Search Committee recently narrowed its selection down from five candidates to two: Ihassan Alkadi and NSU's Lisa Abney.

Abney is the current acting provost and vice president of Academic and Student Affairs.

She temporarily replaced Thomas Hanson, who stepped down during the summer after serving in the position for more than four years. Prior to serving as acting provost, Abney was dean of the College of Liberal Arts.

Alkadi is currently a professor at University of Louisiana at Lafay-

Marcus Jones, cabinet representative and vice president for University Affairs, said the committee is looking for someone who can successfully handle the budget cuts the university is experiencing.

"It's a difficult, difficult challenge for the incoming provost,"

"They have to balance continuing to provide a high level of service to the student, which is our customer, and also balancing the rights and needs and desires of the faculty.

"We want somebody who can sort of hit the ground running, and

he NSU Club Sports Commit-

order to correct legal and communi-

cation issues that are present within

of the Student Government Associa-

tion, currently has a budget of about

\$81,000 that can be given to official

organized team sports on campus to

work and approval process, howev-

er, has put this committee's funding

a freeze because it is currently a bro-

ken system," SGA Treasurer Shanice

Problems concerning the paper

"We put Club Sports funding on

support costs for events and trips.

The committee, which is part

tee temporarily suspended its

funding service last week in

David Royal

News Editor

the system.

to a halt.

Major said.

not have to play catch up, because these are crucial issues that have to be quickly addressed."

Steve Horton, committee chair and dean of Graduate Studies and Research, said the position was advertised through the Chronicles of Higher Education electronic job announcement service, through the state job announcement service and through the local media.

A total of five applicants responded, and after reviewing the applications, two finalists, who met the criteria for provost, were selected.

"NSU President Randall Webb]...generated a very comprehensive job description that required credentials at the professor level," Horton said.

"The candidate would also have to demonstrate extensive experience at the administrative level in the areas of management, budget and development."

Horton said that there was a third candidate who removed them self from the list upon being invited to an in-person interview.

The search committee is made up of an additional 12 faculty and staff members.

Faculty and students will have the opportunity to meet with the finalists on Thursday and Friday.

Abney will speak on Thursday at 2 p.m. and Alkadi on Friday at 10

shortly after returning from the uni-

On the way there, one of the

buses was involved in a three-way

car collision outside of Shreveport,

said Davina McClain, who is the ad-

visor for the team and the director of

attended the trip to Kentucky, one of

the other drivers involved took full

responsibility of the collision, and

said the driver of the Demon Dodge-

ball team was not at fault.

According to McClain, who also

SGA Advisor Yonna Pasch said

the Louisiana Scholars' College.

versity's Mardi Gras holiday break.

compete in a tournament.



Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce

Lisa Abney (above), the current acting provost and vice president of Academic and Student Affairs, is one of two final choices to fill the provost position permanently. Ihassan Alkadi, a professor at the University of Louisiana La-

The problems within the system mitted for the trip, however, there is Pasch said.

credit card.

have been or is legally liable.

Pasch explained that McClain

and the dodgeball team filled out

and submitted all the paperwork that

was given to them, but said there

were other forms that needed to be

filled out and a miscommunication

between the Club Sports Committee

and university officials at the WRAC

concerning the actual approval of

was technically awarded money to

go on the trip, but there are a lot of

"[The Demon Dodgeball team]

As a result, the university is cureventually be solved.

were brought to Major's attention a possibility that the university could

Over the holiday weekend, two rently withholding reimbursement

Western Kentucky University to tal and is currently charged on her

after looking at the paperwork sub-factors that need to be addressed,"

The Faculty Senate and Student tee, Webb's cabinet and the Dean's

From there, the committee Webb, who will make his recom-

siana Board of Regents.

Horton said the final selection will hopefully be made by April, and the new provost will begin his or her position on July 1.

registration standards

NSU places

David Royal News Editor

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

S tudents who have 30 or more credit hours and have a grade point average below 2.25 are now required to meet with their advisors prior to class registration for the fall of 2010, which will aftect approximately 1,000 students.

The changes will benefit students who are in need of assistance and might not meet with their advisor otherwise, said Dorene Fox, the executive director for Academic and Career Engagement.

The previous policy only required freshman students to meet with their advisors and only suggested that students in upper year classifications seek advisement.

Recently, NSU's advising committee learned that other universities have more success with similar

"Success in college is closely linked to having a GPA above 2.0,"

Students need at least a 2.0 to graduate or maintain financial aid, and students who drop below that GPA may be placed on probation.

Fox said that many students who lose their financial aid or are placed on probation do not return to

Many NSU students feel the new policy is a smart idea.

Julie Fletcher, a junior theater major, said the requirement will help NSU produce more quality graduates that employers will want

"A 2.0 [GPA] is average," Fletcher said.

"What company wants an aver-

age graduate to work for them?" Additionally, she said the advising policy will serve a double purpose of allowing students and faculty to gain a better understand-

ing of each other. "So many students hardly even know the name of their professors," Fletcher said.

"Making things more personal is definitely beneficial.'

Senior psychology major Kyle Domangue agreed with Fletcher, saying that many factors can affect a student's performance in college, which makes it necessary for them to need guidance.

"College can be tough because, unlike high school, this is individually motivated and other occurrences, such as work or starting a family can interfere," Domangue said.

He added that he believed NSU is behind on attempting to find an idea that may alleviate scholastic is-

Fox explained that students who are close or have a 2.0 GPA may need help from their advisor to assess problems such as course load, scheduling or personal challenges that may be harming their education.

Fox encourages students to meet with their designated advisor as soon as possible.

Faculty contact information can be found at http://my.nsula.edu/ phone-directory.

Registration begins March 22.

fayette is the other. NSU officials intend to make their final decision by April. Afterwards, the search commitmendation to the University of Loui-

Government Association are hosting a forum, which will give students and faculty the chance to ask the will make their recommendation to candidates questions.

Council will interview the canidates.

Both sides said they are confi-

"I'm patient," McClain said. "I

all is a learning process for the SGA,

and we're doing everything we can

Club Sports Committee will be able

to fix the system by the end of the

semester, which is when the Demon

Dodgeball team is scheduled to trav-

el to Ohio to compete in the National

Collegiate Dodgeball Association

McClain said she hopes the

there will be kinks"

tournament.

Club Sports freezes funding to fix 'broken system'

Club Sports funding system. They said many of the problems dent the reimbursement issue will date back to previous SGA adminis-

Pasch explained that she and drivers and 24 players from the De- for the dodgeball team's trip, which understand things take time here. Major have redesigned a new Club mon Dodgeball team traveled to McClain said cost about \$2,000 to- Anytime you do something new, Sports handbook that is easier to keen up with and a new checklist for Pasch agreed by saying, "This both the chair person of Club Sports and the team applying for funding.

"We are crossing our 't's' and dotting our 'i's' with everything," Pasch said.

Pasch said it is her goal to have the funding system up and running again by the end of this week.

Although the process has been stressful and tedious, Major added that there will be a positive outcome.

"I can guarantee that once we For the past two weeks, Pasch do get everything fixed, the fundand Major have been working to- ing system will run like clockwork," gether to simplify and correct the Major said.

expands exposure with



Photo by Joe Cunningham/ The Current Sauce NSU students Kelli Otto and Jeffery Sholar working on their radio show for 91.7 KNWD with some of the new equipment purchased by the station.

David Royal News Editor

funding for the trip.

Laila Benjamin Staff Reporter

ver wonder where all those technical fees in your tuition

end up? A portion of those fees end up paying for things like an upgrade at 91.7 KNWD, The Demon.

The station equipment was out-of-date and faulty, according to station general manager, Cody Bourque.

The senior journalism student explained that the sound quality was

"The old equipment was somewhat limiting in today's fast-paced world and it was time for a change," said Bethany Frank, former on-air personality at KNWD.

Bourque and KNWD Faculty Advisor Hesham Mesbah agreed.

Mesbah said KNWD now has a great advantage because of its equip-

"[The equipment] is the best we can get for an amateur station," he

The staff brought two big changes in terms of equipment.

One is the ability to broadcast on-site. KNWD's first live remote was at the Miss Lady of the Bracelet pageant on Feb. 6.

Mesbah said that now that they

have the ability, covering events while they are happening will be a large focus of the radio staff. He ily, NSU sporting events receive live

The other change, live web streaming, began last year. Frank and Bourque began streaming their show, "Agree to Disagree," online. "It was amazing to actually see

the folks watching and listening to and foremost, helps brings the staour show, and get their interaction,"

"And it was great that we were able to reach folks outside of the Natchitoches community." Additionally, Mesbah explained

that the staff's upgraded equipment now allows calls to be taken during radio shows and upgraded subscriptions provide greater musical diver-KNWD has also opened its

doors and airwaves to students who want to get behind the mic and become part of the staff, which currently consists of six students. "We want to showcase the tal-

said he would like to see, primar- ent that our student body has, and what better way to do that than over the KNWD sound waves," Bourque

Frank said she is now pleased with what the KNWD staff is capable of doing with its equipment. "The upgraded equipment, first

tion to the students," Frank said.



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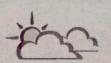
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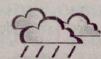
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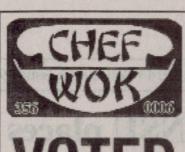






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SAB rallies support for St. Jude with 'Up 'til Dawn' event

Tori Ladd Life Editor

p 'til Dawn" is a nationally recognized program that St. Jude offers to help raise awareness for and end childhood cancer; and through St. Jude's expansion efforts, the event came to NSU

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is internationally recognized for its pioneering work in finding cures and saving children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases, according to stjude.org. St. Jude is the only pediatric cancer research center where families never pay for treatment not covered by insurance.

According to stjude.org, Up 'Til Dawn (UTD) is a student-led and student-run program that has been hosted by more than 375 colleges and universities across the country since the program's inception in 1999. Since 1999, UTD has raised more than \$24.5 million for St. Jude.

The idea to participate in UTD was brought to NSU by senior HMT major Eddie Higginbotham while at a Theta Chi Fraternity conference sponsored by the North-American Interfraternity Conference, the national governing body of all IFC fraternities, in Bloomington, Ind., at Indiana University this summer.

"The NIC is an official support-



Photo by Charlie Johnson/ The Current Sauce SAB members gathered at NSU's Mardi Gras Part II: Making a "BIG EASY" difference for the kids of St. Jude.

er of St. Jude's "Up 'til Dawn" pro- rector of Student Activities, Yonna gram and encouraged all participants in the conference to bring it back to their respective campuses," Higginbotham said. "I was truly moved by the video presentation and knew that I had to bring it to NSU."

Higginbotham called St. Jude in August of 2009 and acquired information about the program. Coincidently, St. Jude's called NSU's Diprogram on campus.

"It was kind of fate," Higginbotham said. Higginbotham became the executive director and sponsorship chairperson for the event because he already knew about the event from previously talking to St.

NSU students who were on Pasch, the exact same day to set up a the UTD committee include Jordan meeting with NSU about having the McLamore, who served as assistant executive director and public relations chairperson; Cameron Tillman, who served as the team recruiting chairperson; and Ruth Wisher who served as the logistics chairperson. The advisors for the event were Director of Student Activities Yonna Pasch, Asst. Director of Student

Activities Kirk Lee and Director of Greek Life Natalie Laurence.

The theme for NSU's UTD was picked based on the uniqueness of NSU and the diversity of Louisiana, thus the name and theme "Big Easy."

"With being from Louisiana and just celebrating Mardi Gras, we thought it was only appropriate to have the theme be- "Mardi Gras, Part II: Making a BIG-EASY Difference for the kids of St. Jude," Higginbotham said in an e-mail inter-

About 350 registered to participate in the UTD "Big Easy" event. On the night of the event, it was estimated that a little more than 350 people showed up and participated. More 30 organizations participated in the "Big Easy" event as well as individuals who formed teams in order participate in the St. Jude's event.

When the groups checked in, they received their stacks of letters. Afterward there was a short opening program that included a patient family with their child who received help from St. Jude. Also in the short program St. Jude spoke with the students and told them how to construct the letters. This year at the event was Kami Chauncy, who has Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia with her mom Jill, from Shreveport.

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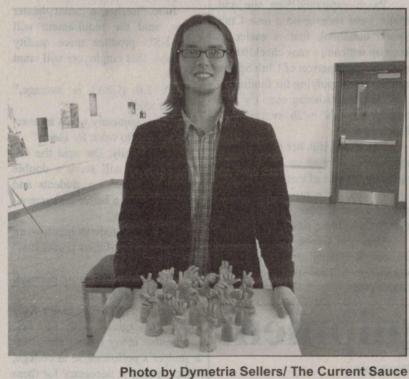
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NSU's 19th annual Student Art Show



Josh Stelly wond second place for piece enititled, "Untitled."

Dymetria Sellers Staff Reporter

orthwestern State University's 19th Annual Juried Student Art Show opened at 6 p.m. Tuesday

The show had three judges for each featured category: Tom Richard for fine arts, Michael Elliott-Smith for photography, and Evan Taylor, a former NSU graduate, for graphic design. Judging began at 6:30 p.m. and was announced at 7

For photography category, first place went to Katie Jo Springer for went to Geoffrey Hollis for "Red Skin", and the honorable mention went to Sarah Clarace for "Jake."

For fine arts, first place went to Jeremy Jones for "Weller's Barn and the Cloudy day", second place was Josh Stelly's "Untitled", honorable mentions went to Nick Inman's "Parking Lot Shot" and Ginger Hughes "Purple Flowers." For graphic design category Jorge Cantu won first place for his piece "Martin Luther King".

Jeremy Jones also won the peo- jor, Josh Stelly said.

ple's choice award for his painting "Weller's Barn and the Cloudy day", and best in show for "Open Barn with Growth." Winners received gift certificates for art supplies, and a cash prize of \$50 for first place, and \$25 for second.

"I loved the diversity of artworks," Danielle Kenny, a senior graphic communications major said.

"Every piece, whether photography, sculpture, or graphic design had elements of its own."

Out of the 87 student entries there were 27 finalists. "I would have allowed more pieces to be in the art show," Kenny said, "but overall it was very nice to see different artists express their artistic strengths."

Small finger dishes including "Barn Yard Beauty", second place sushi were served during the show, complements of NSU's culinary students. One of the dishes even received a vote for the people's choice

The student art show occurs ever year with new judges for each show. All NSU students are allowed to enter. A fee is required for each entered piece.

"I would like to get more students who are artists, but not necessarily art majors to enter," second place winner and senior fine arts ma-



Half the Battle: It's bad for you

Joe Cunningham Editor in chief

will see President Barack Obama unveil his new health care strategy. This

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new strategy comes in the wake of the public health care summit that was held last Thursday.

If you watched the summit, then you know sat in front of your TV or computer screen for seven hours and watched nothing happen. For those of you who didn't watch it, I can recap it very quickly.

The Democratic members at the summit read stories of constituents who were oh so tragically wronged by the current health care system.

When they were done, the Republicans would stand up and say the exact same thing they've said for a year now.

There was no new information. No new arguments. There was, in short, nothing accomplished. The parties will continue to blame each other, but the problem is the parties.

The party system in this country is broken. When our representatives make decisions based on what the national party says instead of what their people want, something is terribly, terribly wrong.

Several of our politicians will lose the support (read: money) of their national party if they vote against the party line. Some politicians, like Mary Landrieu, are able

to get away with bipartisan voting because the Democratic Party would like to keep a Democratic senator in

For something that has been debated on for so long, there sure isn't a whole lot of support from the people. Most polls are showing growing discontent among the American pub-

There is also the fact that it doesn't seem to make sense. The basic idea is that we expand who is covered by insurance, what is covered by insurance and rates will go

But, rates are based on how much money is put in to the insurance companies through policies.

If you have more people that can file a claim for more health conditions, it would stand to reason that the rates would go up, not down.

Lastly, there is talk of reconciliation, a parliamentary process that could push the health care bill through the senate with a simple majority. The Democrats claim that the Republicans have used reconciliation plenty of times before, which they have.

However, it has never been used on the level the Democrats plan on using it for now. This is almost \$1 trillion that we don't have to pay for something we do need, but not in

There is also a legislative rule that says reconciliation cannot be used for bills that would negatively effect the nation's deficit for more than 10 years. Considering how far in the hole we are now, I don't think they can promise that.

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Middle Child POV: The waiting game

Paul Randall Adams Staff Columnist

eautiful girl. Handsome boy. Long walks on the beach, hand in hand, quiet nights by the candles.

She giggles, he chuckles, and the world is at

Days turn into weeks and weeks into months, until the young couple is celebrating their anniversary.

He has the entire night planned with roses and a quiet dinner. They both know that this is it. This is the night they'll remember forever.

This is the night that they will have sex for the first time.

The nerves set in, she shivers in excitement, and the next morning she wakes up a different woman.

Nine months later, the nerves set in once more, and soon enough follows the pain.

her arms and cries, fearing what the world has in store for him. For as a single mother, she fears she will always struggle.

As a single mother she fears that her son may never meet the man whom he already resembles so

Unfortunately, this situation is not so uncommon in today's society.

More and more children are being born out of wedlock, as of late, and most of them are forced to grow up without fathers.

There is a great social stigma today for girls who become pregnant before they're married.

fun of. They become the subjects of hair-salon gossip and coffee-table discussions.

People love to talk, share the story of how girls with such bright futures throw it all away for one night of passion.

This is how they're viewed. And they have no way out.

Abortion is frowned upon; they'd be disowned by everybody, especially in the more conservative

And adoption is out of the question – that's taking the easy way out. It was her mistake, so she just has to be stuck with it.

And yet the father of the child bears no repercussions.

Unless the mother announces She looks down at the baby in who it is, then he may never have to hear of the baby again.

How many babies are products of the phrase "I love you?" How many of those babies ever actually meet their fathers?

What ever happened to the idea that True Love Waits? For a long

time, this program, these ideals were taught in churches nationwide.

The idea is that if love was true, then a couple would wait until they were married to have sex.

This, honestly, is the safest bet. No matter the preventative measures, there is always the risk of un-

planned pregnancies. There is also always a risk that They're ridiculed, judged, made one can come down with a sexually transmitted disease. Condoms, for instance, are only 98% effective in preventing pregnancies.

> According to the CDC, latex condoms can reduce, but not eliminate the risk of STD transmission.

Why trust something that cannot guarantee safety? Why risk it? Is one night really worth a lifetime of

One night of passion is not worth a lifetime of herpes or a month with Gonorrhea.

One night of passion is not worth the lifetime of ridicule of being a single mother, or a young fa-

It's not worth a lifetime of regret due to an abortion or adoption. Perhaps the only thing that's left

That's the only true guarantee in life. Abstinence is the only sure way to avoid STDs and pregnancies.

Then, when it really matters, you'll have been protected your entire life. From disease as well as ridi-

Colloquium: On crime, part 3

Josh Fage Guest Columnist



ville by Biol-

ogy professor Amy Bishop, we are forced to revisit the ever-present dilemma of school violence. In the wake of Columbine and

Virginia Tech, our schools showed initiative in their approach to this issue by considering legislation over dress codes, bullying and emergency

measures, the threat of school shootings remains present.

alert services. Still, despite an increase in

In the recent shooting, Bishop, a mother of four, opened fire in a regular faculty meeting, killing three of

others. Upon detainment, Bishop ex- highly difficult, if not impossible. pressed disbelief in her actions, saying "It didn't happen.

the incident is believed to be the denial of tenure.

In the wake of the shooting, garding the shooter's history. Most notably, she was involved in the killing of her brother, as well as a pipebomb incident.

However, in both instances, she was absolved of any criminal in-

one must ask, "What more can we do to prevent future school shootings?" As evidenced by the broad

spectrum of culprits - including males and females, poor and rich students, athletes and nerds - we see awareness and many preventative that school shooters bear no standard profile.

The Alabama incident shows that even individuals, such as teachers and administrators, are capable of performing these acts. Thus, deher colleagues and wounding three veloping a shooter profile would be

Some advocate the permitting of guns on college campuses. I do There's no way." The motive for not agree with this sentiment, nor do I envision that it would have any positive effect on prevention.

Higher education should be asalarming facts have come out re- sociated with the acquiring of knowledge, free thought and expression. It is simply demeaning to a university to make it a gun-toting haven.

Since profiling or carrying guns are insufficient, what can we do? We can be respectful of others and do our best to not set off a figurative In light of this recent tragedy, time bomb.

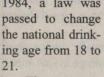
We can be attentive to our classmates and not hesitate to report ominous findings. We might probe the idea of more thorough background checks, but it is important to do so in a manner that does not invade our civil liberties.

While these measures might not completely stop school shootings, they can certainly help prevent campus violence. Ultimately, this giveand-take approach is the best we can

Opinionated Spirits: Alcohol and development ing at an early age, it is a problem mercials regarding deaths caused by

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

July 17, 1984, a law was



The argument used to support this law was that it will be better for adolescents' body developments and

decrease alcoholism. If a person's genetic makeup will cause him to be more likely to be problematic alcoholic, then it seems like the age at which one starts to drink is irrelevant since he will be susceptible to this so called "disease" at any time.

I've never heard or a disease that people are looked down upon for having.

I consider people who have made alcohol a part of their life so much that they can't carry out everyday tasks to have a problem.

But, if this problem is caused by dependency developed from drinkthat could have been avoided.

strictions on when a person can hol-related fatalities. drink in their life is a futile effort when underage drinking is an inevitable occurrence.

Instead of placing alcohol on a pedestal as a "forbidden fruit" to teenagers, which can spark more of their interest in some cases, teaching them how to drink properly and responsibly before they sneak a sip from the liquor cabinet on their own could reduce drinking problems and even save lives.

Alcohol-related fatalities are one of the leading causes of death in the U.S.

However, there is another cause I have recently taken a closer look at.

Fatalities caused by poor dieting, such as obesity, are listed ahead of alcohol-related deaths. When one takes a closer look at obesity, results show that adolescents who are overweight are likely to be overweight as

These results are similar to those which show that adolescents who drink heavily are likely to have problems in the future.

However, there are no com- drinking culture.

poor dieting, even though the death Relying on a law that sets re- rate is immensely higher than alco-

> In fact, in the year 2000, there were approximately 400,000 deaths in the U.S. caused by poor dieting, coming in second behind tobacco as the leading cause of death.

> Alcohol related fatalities barely scratched that number with a mere 85,000 deaths.

> Instead, television shows simple weight loss and workout commercials because people see this as a fixable problem if they simply eat right.

> This concept of proper dieting and healthy living can easily be taught to developing adolescents to help them avoid health problems in the future, and this same idea can work for drinking.

Just like how teaching people at an early age how to eat properly can reduce their chances of health problems in the future, teaching them how to drink properly and responsibly early on can reduce their chances of experiencing health problems related to drinking.

It could even possibly bring about a safer and more positive



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Freshmen pitcher Kylie Roos trots around the bases in the Lady Demons' 9-4 win over the Lady Jaguars of Southern. Roos's record stands at 5-3. She has pitched two complete games, and has an ERA of 3.22. She has also struck out 36 batters while only giving up 11 walks. Along with pitching, Roos has a .269 batting average and five RBI.

Sight for sore eyes:

Lady Demon Softball doing things unseen for quite sometime

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

ith a revamped roster, full of young players, Pickett has the NSU Lady Demon Softball team doing things they haven't done in quite some time, winning on a regular basis.

season, the Lady Demons have accumulated a record of 8-5.

Now that's not too far out of the norm, but when those seven wins are already more wins than the team had all of last season, it's a big deal.

"It's good for our team to get started out on the right foot," Pickett said. "It sets up the rest of our season if we can get started out right, which we have and I'm proud of our girls, but we still have a lot of work to do."

This season the Lady Demons have scored 69 runs. It took NSU 35

games to score 69 runs last season.

A big part of the success for the Lady Demons is how quickly the new recruits are making an impact.

The new Lady Demons that Head Coach Donald are making the biggest impact are Brooke Boeing, Kayla Cole and Ky-

Boeing and Roos are true freshmen pitches that have a combined Through only 13 games this record of 8-3 and have struck out 63 batters collectively.

Roos was also named as the Southland Conference pitcher of the week last week for her performance

in the South Alabama Invitational. Roos picked up the honors after tossing 17 innings, including two

complete games and a shutout. She gave up just 12 hits in the three-game span, while walking just three batters and striking out 19.

"Kylie has been steady for us in all of her starts so far," Pickett said. "She doesn't walk many batters and

she knows how to battle through tough situations.

"If you hold a team to less than three runs, you'll have a good chance to win games.'

Cole is a transfer junior from Motlow Junior College in Columbia,

Cole has given the Lady Demons something they have been des-

perate for, a big bat. She has a team high .436 batting average and 14 RBI. Cole is also tied with Samantha Roberts for most

home runs with 2. So with the new recruits and the veteran players coming together this early in the season, it has cause for Lady Demon nation to get a little ex-

You will have a chance on March 9 to see the Lady Demons in action as they play host to Grambling State.

cited about the rest of season that is

Tournament hopes starting to dwindle

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

own a key player, the Texas State Bobcats did everything but come up short in a 89-75 win over the Northwestern State Demon Basketball team Saturday in Prather Coliseum.

Texas State's top scorer and rebounder Cameron Johnson didn't a week ago," McConathy said. make the trip to Prather as he was serving a one-game suspension because of violent play in a loss to Stephen F. Austin, Wednesday night.

The Bobcats didn't hang their heads over the suspension.

Instead they put everything on the back of 6-5 junior forward J.B.

Conley averages 8.4 points pergame and his season-high 20 points came two games earlier.

Conley continued his hot shooting during this game when he entered the game off the bench and scorched the Demons with 42 points in 36 minutes played.

"I've seen it happen time and

time again, when a team loses its best player, it opens the door for somebody else to step up," Head Coach Mike McConathy said. "He had a great game and their team rallied around each other.

"Our defensive rebounding, our free throw shooting, our focus, our togetherness, our energy, it all was poor. We've been so much better just

"That says to me if we'll make the decision to fully commit to each other and the team, we still have some basketball life left in us."

The Bobcats led 45-36 at the half with 22 of those points belonging to Conley.

After the half, NSU would eventually tie the game at 48, but Texas State scored five straight points and went back up double-digits shortly after to hold off the Demons for the remainder of the game.

The Demons lost for the second time after winning three consecutive

Texas State snapped a twogame losing streak to improve to 7-7

Junior guard Devon Baker was the high man for the Demons.

He had a career-high 26 points. Baker was followed by junior Will Pratt's performance of 16 points in 14 minutes played.

Pratt was in foul trouble early in the game and fouled out in the sec-

Sophomore center Will Mosley gave the Demons 11 rebounds and

Mosley is currently the seventh best shot blocker in the nation.

The Demon basketball team have two games left for the regular

NSU's next game is Wednesday night at 7 in Prather Coliseum.

The Demons play host to Sam Houston State University.

After that, NSU will visit Southeastern for the final game of the reg-

The Demons need to win both games in effort to increase its bid to make the Southland Conference Tournament.



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Led by Devon Baker's (11) career-high 26 points, the NSU Demons were still unable to hold of the Bobcats of Texas State in a 89-75 loss. This loss potentially puts the Demons behind the eight ball, needing wins in each of its final games to make the Southland Conference Tournament



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SGA gears up for upcoming presidential election

David Royal News Editor

For the second consecutive year, the Student Government Association is expecting a presidential race in its upcoming executive board elections this month.

Thus far, two parties are signed up to run for the SGA president and vice president election that is scheduled for March 24: Mark Daniels and his running mate Patrick Brooks, and Matthew Morrison and his running mate Ruth Wisher.

Both presidential candidates have experience within the execu-

Morrison is the current vice president of SGA, and Daniels has served as both SGA treasurer and vice president.

Daniels, who is a senior hospitality management and tourism major, has been with the SGA since the spring of 2007 and is currently the longest tenured member of the orga-

Additionally, he is the district and chapter president of Kappa Kappa Psi fraternity and is a section leader of both the Spirit of Northwestern Marching and Concert

Daniels explained that he has had the pleasure of serving under four different presidential adminis-

He served as former SGA President Shayne Creppel's treasurer two years ago and as Cody Bourque's vice president last year.

By seeing how different leaders served the role as SGA president, Daniels said he learned a great deal.

"The common misconception is that the president can do all things in SGA, but the president's real power is being able to lead and help give direction to others," he said. "I know I have this ability."

Daniels also ran last year for vice president with running mate Jason Thibodeaux, but lost to current SGA President Kayla Wingfield and

Daniels said his primary reason for running for president this year is related to NSU's situation concerning the state's budget cuts of higher for CLV and is the vice president

He said this is a difficult time vancement of Colored People. for the university, and he wants to be the person ensuring that the NSU it came to picking his running mate, student body is being properly repre- his primary criteria was that he

has had the opportunity to learn from requirement. Wingfield's term as president.

and leader, but also a great listener," said Morrison, who is a junior Engmajor. "I learned from her that sim- SGA for a year. ply listening to a person's problem is sometimes all that is needed."

Morrison added that in his year as vice president, he picked up valuable experience, especially dealing with Campus Living Villages and the ORPH Committee.

He explained that he has a good understanding of his responsibilities as president and the student body's expectations of him if elected.

"I want to be an advocate of the school," Morrison said. "It's not right to make promises to students that can't be met."

confident in their choices for vice president.

Daniels said his choice was led.

"Patrick was my number one and only choice," he said. "I be my vice president."

Daniels said Brooks is his part- students' wants and needs.' ner because he has the ability to identify strengths and weaknesses feel that the opposing sides are qualof others, and use those to get a job

chology and addiction studies major, could be a better four-som running felt similarly to Daniels.

"Mark has served on the Senate the longest and has the most experience under his belt," Brooks said. "When you've seen as much and done as much as him, who else could be better for the job?"

for two years as the speaker of the Senate and the commissioner of the internal affairs committee.

He is also a resident assistant of the National Association for Ad-

Morrison explained that when wanted the hardest worker within Like Daniels, Morrison said he the SGA. He said Wisher met this

"[Wisher] is just as passionate "[Wingfield] is a great person about the students' needs as I am," Morrison said.

Wisher is a sophomore journallish literature and political double ism major and has been apart of the

> She has served as the SGA's academic affairs committee commissioner for the past year and is also an active member of Phi Mu fraternity and the president of the NSU College of Republicans - coincidentally, Morrison is the president of the NSU College of Democrats.

> Morrison and Wisher said that many people have already questioned them about why two people with such strong opposing political beliefs would run together for SGA president and vice president.

They both said, however, that Both candidates said they are they believed their political views really had nothing to do with their opinions on how the SGA should be

"I'm a very strong Republican and he's a very strong Democrat, but when it comes to student issues, wouldn't run if he wasn't willing to we have a common ground," Wisher said. "We are both in touch with the

Both set of candidates said they ified for the positions.

"I respect the both of them," Brooks, who is a junior psy- Morrison said. "I don't think there for the job."

Brooks agreed by saying, "There's no doubt in my mind that [Morrison and Wisher] would be able to serve the students." He added, however, that obviously he thought Daniels and himself would Brooks has served in the SGA be better for the job, or they would

> Wisher summed it up by saying, "It's going to be a heck of a race."



Top: Matthew Morrison and Ruth Wisher are running together for SGA president and vice president, respectively. Morrison is the current vice president

Bottom: Mark Daniels (right) and Patrick Brooks (right) are running together for SGA president and vice president, respectively. Daniels has served as both SGA treasurer and vice president in the past three years.



CLV offers credit course to RAs

Sarah Cramer Staff Reporter

Campus Living Villages at NSU has started a program for students who are interested in becoming a resident assistant at either University Place or University Col-

The Resident Assistant Skills Training course is available for the first time this semester, for both students who are interested in becoming a RA, as well as students who just want to take the class as an elec-

In the class, which gives students three credit hours, students learn from lectures, guest speakers and case studies.

Much of their work is also hands-on. For example, students spend some of their class time making bulletin boards.

"They're actually planning a program right now and they'll actually do that program in the residence halls for the residents in a couple weeks," Leasing Coordinator Nona Jordan said.

Jordan is one of the class educators, and said that the course offers more than just RA training.

"It teaches them leadership skills, life skills, community policy, programming," Jordan said.

Jason Mercer, assistant director of CLV at NSU, said that the main focus of the class is not just to prepare students for leadership as RAs, but also for leadership in their ev-

"It's preparing them for leadership in general, and be able to servewhether they decide to go on staff as an RA, or to go on with a club or organization, or any other portion of campus," Mercer said.

Jordan added that so far, the course has proved to be effective among the RAs.

"Within the class we're seeing who's going to emerge as leaders right now, [who] I think that will be well trained and ready for the responsibility of being an RA next year," Jordan said.

Patrick Brooks, junior psychology and addiction studies double major, works as a RA at University Columns and is enrolled in the

"We learn about the role of a RA and how it is more than just letting someone in when they get locked out," Brooks said.

He added that they have been learning about issues that RAs may face, including drugs and alcohol, campus emergencies and how to deal with suicidal residents.

According to a press release issued by the NSU News Bureau, Jordan and Stephanie Dyjack, the CLV director of housing and resident education, are hoping to hold a RA conference at NSU during the

Gregory Blimling, author of the course textbook, would be the keynote speaker.

CLV is currently accepting applications for spring RAs until Friday, March 12.

Jordan said that students who are not currently enrolled in the course are still able to apply for the job, but will be required to take the course in the fall if they choose to continue to be on staff.



Jean Marie D'Amato Thomas, a professor at the Louisiana Scholars' College died yesterday morning of liver failure. D'Amato, who was at the Scholars' College since 1988, taught several classes primarily concerning art history. She died at the age of 64 in a hospice home in Shreveport. "Jean believed deeply in the value of education and loved pushing her students...because she could look in and see their potential," said Davina McClain, the director of the Scholars' College. Her visitation will be held this Friday from 9-10 a.m. at Blanchard St. Denis Funeral Home



Photo by Joe Cunningham/ The Current Sauce

Guests at the ribbon cutting for the Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts new Center for Performance and Technology include Chairman of ULS Board of Supervisors Jimmy Long, State Rep. Rick Nowlin, State Sen. Gerald Long and Gov. Bobby Jindal. The CPT includes a new electronic learning center, performance hall and art gallery. The cutting was preceded by special presentations and acknowledgments of faculty and political leaders.

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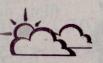
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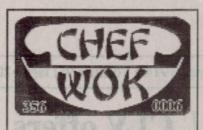


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1 : selecting what appears to be best in various doctrines, methods, or styles

*2: composed of elements drawn from various sources; also: heterogeneous

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NSU orchestra dedicates performance

Lynda Hammett Sauce Reporter

he Northwestern Symphony Orchestra held a performance on March 2 in honor of Jean D'Amato, a Louisiana Scholar's College professor who passed away yesterday.

On the request of Scholars' College students who are also members of the orchestra, Conductor Douglas Bakenhus announced after intermission of the performance that Sympony #2 by Jean Sibelius would be dedicated to D'Amato, who at that time was already extremely ill.

"There are many students in orchestra that are in the Scholars' College and asked if the next performance could be dedicated to a professor who has recently become very ill," Bakenhus said.

After Bakenhus announced the dedication, he invited Davina McClain, director of the Scholars' College, to tell the audience about D'Amato.

"D'Amato was hospitalized during Mardi Gras break and has been moved to a hospice facility in Shreveport," McClain said.

"I had no idea Jean was even sick. I just saw her a couple of weeks ago riding her bicycle around town," Alexa Boyette, Natchitoches resi-

D'Amato had been at the university for ove 20 years. She has touched the lives of many students, McClain explained.

'When alumni started hearing about D'Amato they started coming



Photo by Lynda Hammett / The Current Sauce

Northwestern State Orchestra dedicated Sympony #2 during their performance on March 2 to Jean D'Amato, a Louisiana Scholar's College professor who passed away on yesterday.

in from all of the country," MClain their own association."

drove in from Houston to see her. Jean loves art, music, literature and most of all, teaching," McClain said.

Symphony #2 was composed during Finland's struggle to gain independence from Czarist Russia.

"You hear the struggle in the piece," Bakenhus said. "A friend wanted Sibelius to call the work the Independence Symphony, but Sibelius denied I had anything to do with

"He wanted listeners to draw

"Not many people would ac-"They flew in from Boston and cept a Finnish writer to write that symphony, and that really mirrors D'Amato's personality," said Josh Nuss, a Scholars' College senior.

> "It was fitting that the second movement in the piece was about loss and grief and that is what everyone is feeling right now."

"They played tremendously well," Holly Stave, professor of English said.

The fourth movement of Sibelius' piece blew the top of my head off.

Visitation for D'Amato will be held this Friday from 9 - 10 a.m. at Blanchard-St. Denis Funeral Home, located on Kyser Avenue.

There will be a burial service for the family, and a memorial service for the public at Trinity Episcopal Chrich at 3 p.m., also on Friday.

D'Amato's family has requested that instead of flowers being sent to the memorial service, that donations be sent to the NSU Foundation.

They wish to see a schoalrship fund created in memory of D'Amato to support students who want to study aborad.

Guest artist featured for jazz fest

Taylor Graves Staff Reporter

he Creative and Performing Arts department will host the Louisiana Association Jazz Education State Jazz Festival this Friday and Saturday for 12 high schools and colleges.

"This Festival is a way to promote the playing and studying of the art of jazz in the public schools and universities," said Galindo Rodriguez, the event director.

The festival will kick off Friday night at Mama's Oyster House in downtown Natchitoches. Featured guest artist Rob Wilkerson and NSU's music professors and students will play jazz music. Student and festival attendees are welcome

Each year the festival has a featured guest artist. Every guest has been someone who works full time and around the world in the jazz in-

In an interview, Rodriguez stated that the point of a guest artist is so the students can meet someone who is in the business and to learn from

Rob Wilkerson was chosen as this year's guest artist.

For the rest of this story, check out www.thecurrentsauce.com

Fast Fact

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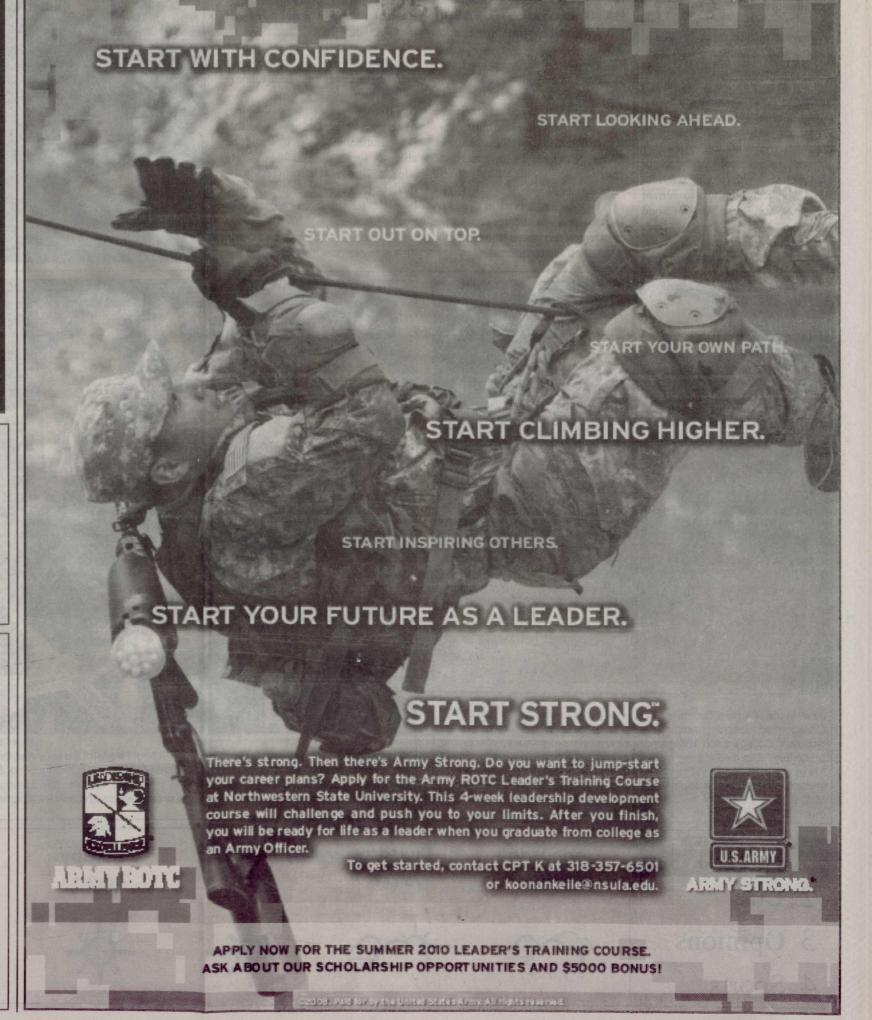
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Political dilemma

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he party system. I mentioned last time that it was, as far as I am concerned, killing the country.

We people to office

to represent us. That is what we, as a republic, have in place to run our country. It is when they ignore us that the system fails.

The two major parties, the Democratic Party and the Republican Party, have been at odds since they became the two major parties. However, in the last decade, we

have seen an increase in the hostilities between the two. People in office are supposed

to listen to their constituents. They don't have to, of course.

They're far away from us. But, why would you not listen to the people who voted for you?

Unless, of course, you're in someone's pocket.

There's an old saying I've heard a lot lately: "Who controls the food supply controls the people; who controls the energy can control whole continents; who controls money can control the world.

Those who control the money something done.

control our politicians, and it's a tragedy that greed has overrun our government on that level.

I don't think it's everyone, but I think it's enough of our politicians.

Corporations have an influence as deep as their pocketbook runs. And it's just wrong.

We need politicians who don't sell their ideals. We don't need big businesses calling the shots.

Alternatively, the national party leaders can hold a tremendous amount of sway in what our politicians say and do.

And vote for.

How do we go about fixing this problem?

Well, it seems like D.C. corrupts everyone it touches.

A lot of people campaign on what appeals to the voters, so we think we're getting a good deal.

Until it's too late, of course. Good lord, I'm sounding dan-

gerously like a conspiracy nut. I'm not into the whole Area 51

thing, but this is something near and dear to my heart. It should be near and dear to

This is our future. Our children and grandchildren's future. Government should act for its people, not for the money.

When we can do that, the problems in our country will look a lot

Who knows? Maybe we can get

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Misery Loves Company

Paul Randall Adams Staff Columnist

witter Facebook are truly amazing things. They give us

instant knowledge of a person's goings-on.

Modern technology has allowed us to have our friends' statuses and tweets sent to our cell phones, so we are instantly informed.

We need to be in constant communication. We need to constantly know what they're doing.

But more often than not, it seems, statuses and tweets are being used more to let the world know of the terrible day that a person has had.

People get home from class and immediately go to their computers.

After a few keystrokes and the click of a mouse, the cell phones of all of their friends are buzzing with a new status such as "My life is over! I failed my Psych test" or the everso vague "Well, there goes that."

Vaguebooking is a new movement, and is defined as the intentional posting of a vague status to prompt friends into asking what's ple.

Why do we do this? All of us have done it at some

Do we want others to be miserable with us?

Or do we perhaps have a deep, desperate desire for attention in the

worst of ways.

We want the world to feel miserable with us. And we want everybody to tell us that things will get

But seriously, how badly can our lives be going?

There are thousands in America with no homes.

There are hundreds who don't have electricity at night and who wonder when their next meal will

There are children in the hospital, suffering from terminal illnesses. And the parents of those children.

As the saying going, misery needs company.

But what truly qualifies as misery? Is a failed test reason enough to bring everybody around you down?

Be rational. There are people in Haiti who don't have a home.

There are children who have lost their parents and parents who lost their children.

A devastating earthquake took the homes and lives of an entire peo-

They lost it all: their families, to make others feel bad?

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Determination

their jobs, their homes. Everything. They are living in tents.

200,000 people are dead as a re-

sult of the horror in Haiti. How many of them had people

who depended on them? The doctors are trying to heal people, using vodka as antiseptic and suturing wounds with shoe laces because they have nothing else to

Everything is gone.

There are people in Chile whose lives have been flipped upside down because of the disastrous earthquake that hit their country in February.

Over 400 dead there.

Is it feasible to think that the Haitians and Chileans want to tweet about how their lives suck?

I don't recall seeing any Facebook statuses that said "I want to

That just seems to hit a little too close to home.

How easy is it for us to say "My dog ate my favorite shoes, I want to

Why do we feel that that's appropriate? Sometimes, most times, in fact,

misery is perfectly content to live by Think before you tweet. Does

your problem truly deserve to raise the concern of others? Is your issue important enough

Social media:

Our generation's latest failure

Tom Lawler Guest Columnist

am three clicks away from adding my grandmother on Facebook.

Don't worry; I am going to hold back on this one.

mother just opened a chat window reminding me to do something and my aunt is posting pictures of my little cous-

What happened to our control over the internet, my brothers and sisters?

We have lost our focus. While we were out tagging and writing on walls, our relatives, professors and employers crept up on our domain and stole what was ours from the beginning.

Now before you rise up and tes-

understanding of their situation.

to you, but old people have close Believe it or not, they get tired

of rounding the digits of their dial Perhaps their thumbs can't quite keep pace to send a text message, be-

sides, the whole idea of a 'thumbersation' still deters most old people. We still carry that battle. And let's face it, sites like Face-

book.com, Craigslist.com, and

Myspace.com are very simple to So once they have tied up their horse and buggy at the local library, it will not take much more to send you a message reminding you of

how much you have grown. Depending on senility they may

try to offer you hard candy. Other fronts of this great war have already fallen out of our safe

E-mail, cell phones and even

tify against me or against them, I am twitter have gone to the baby boomers, old hippies and those WWI It may come to be shocking survivors. NSU President Randall

There are some advantages to having old people on sites like AIM

The Internet has made it easier to meet perverts on the net, but also to catch them before they commit. That is true of all ages, however.

We, the youth of this great and vast world, are in a bind. We will all hopefully grow old

We are compelled to look up to our elders and be reminded of all

We do not, however, have to look through the computer screen at

that respectful stuff.

I think so.

Doesn't it almost make the respect fade? Even if it is only slightly?

met a girl one time in Natchitoches who drank Jeagermesiter and Chris Hansen's job got made a Coke. That's it.

I figured this delusional conwould coction taste absolutely terrible and a sip of

Andrew Bordelon

Staff Columnist

my own, just to be sure, proved this However, she drank her strange, distasteful concoction without hesi-

tation and even with pleasure. How could this be? I was used to girls ordering girly drinks, usually involving some sort of vodka

accompanied by a sweet or fruity

This girl drank this disgusting mixture undeterred by the judgmental and off-taste stares from other

people at the bar. She didn't seem to care what anyone else thought though, nor did another one of my friends whose drinking habits did not go along with society's standards either.

My other friend's methods did thereof, in different subjects. not revolve around a drink that stood out from others, but instead with ac- Light, the liquid companion of high

ceptable quantity. He was a man who drank from the moment he awoke in the morning till he put his head down to bed.

After a few months of observation, I began to realize the definition of a functioning alcoholic.

Now obviously, I would not suggest drinking to the extremity of my friend, but both he and the Jeagermiester queen had something in

They drank because they enjoy drinking. The "weekend warriors" whose sole mission at the end of the week is to get as drunk as possible lack this virtue.

I do not mean to condemn those who prefer to relax by drinking on the weekend, but I've noticed that people seem to drink what other people drink, as if their drink of choice relies on the bandwagon.

People certainly start drinking because other people are. How else would one discover it?

Once a person drinks for the first time in his life, he becomes a student. Like many students, people will begin to find interest, or a lack

First comes the vodka and Bud school.

Now some people choose to stick with vodka, even after this initial stage, which is OK. It does go well with quite a few mixers, and its scent is not as detectable as the pungent odors of whiskey.

However, many people eventu-

ally learn that beer is supposed to have taste, and that liquor is better enjoyed when the taste is not masked by whatever fruit concoctions one finds around his house. There's a whole world of booze

out there to discover. This is why I

see the exploration of that world as

a necessity for anyone who likes to It doesn't matter if the drink you discover to love the most isn't com-

mon, or considered as awkward as a Jeagar and Coke. The important thing is that you drink because you want to and what

you want to. A fellow writer and drinker could not have said it better. "There is no such thing as bad whiskey. Some whiskeys just hap-

pen to be better than others." William Faulkner.

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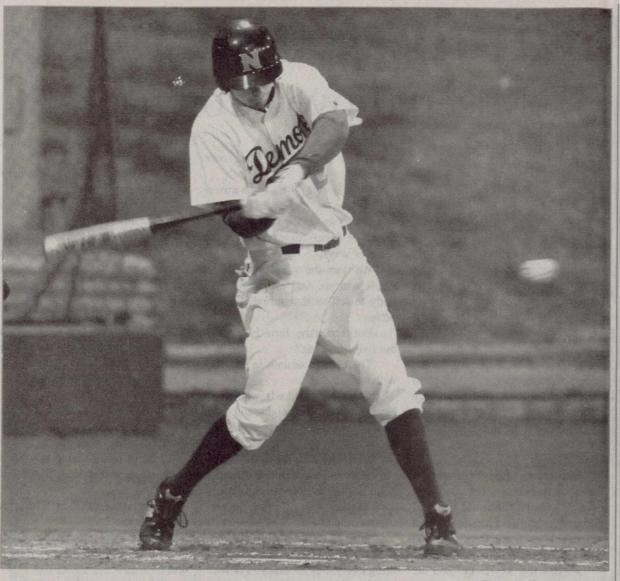


Photo by Gary Hardamon

Senior third basmen Chase Lyles (2) swings at an inside pitch in the Demons' 11-0 win over Murrary State University. Lyles led the Demons in hitting average with .364, along with a 10-game hit streak.

Demons set for clash in Shreveport

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

ntil last night, the Demon baseball team was prepared to square off against the defending NCAA Fair Grounds Field in Shreveport.

Due to poor outfield conditions, ries. however, the game has been postponed to April 20.

The game was originally scheduled to be played at Brown-Stroud Field, but was moved to Shreveport because of the opportunity to play in a bigger market area.

"The sellout crowd is making me more excited," sophomore pitcher Chad Sheppard said. "It's not everyday you get a chance to play in front of 7,000 people."

The Demons' current re- ready to go." cord is 9-2 and they are coming off a nine-game winning streak

fueled by an explosive offense. more LHP Brett Fredieu.

"We've been on a big roll, outscoring opponents with really good an ERA of 2.08. So far he has struck offense," Sheppard said. "This helps out 10 batters and pitched 8.2 inus especially with a big game like nings. this. It gives us some confidence and that extra bit of motivation."

Last Sunday, The Demons dechampion LSU Tigers at 6 p.m. at feated Murray State University 13-3 in a closeout game to sweep the se-

> The Demons have outscored first two game to then-No. 21 University of Southern Mississippi.

Tonight's game will be the fourth time NSU has faced a No.1 opponent with the previous three meeting being loses to none other than LSU.

"I'm really excited," Sheppard said. They're No.1 on one poll and No. 2 on another. All of or guys are

of 3.65 and plans on starting sopho-

Fredieu is 2-0 this season with

The Demons' team batting average is .306, but Chase Lyles leads the team offensively with a batting average of .364. Lyles is on a 10-game hitting streak, including a homerun and 13 RBIs

Chris Matulis is expected to their opponents 97-26 after losing its start for the Tigers. Matulis is 2-0 for the season and has a ERA of .90. So far, Matulis struck out seven batters with 10 innings pitched.

> As a whole, the Tigers have a hitting average of .335. Micah Gibbs leads the Tigers at the plate with a hitting average of .436.

> Their next game will be the 59 time the two schools have met with LSU leading the series 48-10

The last time NSU won against The Demons have a team ERA LSU was April 18, 2001 by the score

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Lady Demons softball looking to find winning ways

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

he Northwestern State softball team looks to end its six-game losing streak with match-ups against in-state rivals Grambling State and Centenary..

The Lady Demons 8-8, 0-3 in conference, hosted Grambling 2-0 yesterday. The Lady Demons defeated the Lady Tigers in the doubleheader by the scores of 4-1 and 11-0.

In the 11-0 victory, NSU pitched a collective no-hitter. Starting pitcher Brooke Boening got the win and pitched two innings. Kelee Grimes three, in the run rule shortened sec-

First basmen Samantha Roberts led the team in RBIs with three.

Randi Stuard, Ainsely Pellerin and Stormi Stech each had two hits.

The Lady Demons will play the Lady Gents tonight at 6 p.m., in

As for the rest of the season, sophomore first baseman Samantha nelas is second on the squad, batting starting at 1 p.m. Saturday.

average, .438 and slugging, .729.

Junior catcher Kayla Cole is not too far behind Roberts having driven in 14 of her own and is slugging .694 cess. in her first year as a Lady Demon.

She is also hitting .429, while the two have struck out collectively 11 times in 16 games.

Two other players are hitting better than .300, as seniors Randi .365 and .325, respectively.

Freshmen Taylor McLoughlin and Ashlee England are on the brink, hitting .298 and .297 as Lady Demon

Collectively as a team, NSU and Jessica English pitched the other ranks second in the Southland Conference in team batting average, .304; slugging percentage, .434 and hind Texas A&M-Corpus Christi in all three categories.

> Haley Bassett paves the way at the plate for Centenary, posting a .357 batting average and .571 slugging percentage, both team highs.

Roberts heads the Lady Demon bats 324 with 12 hits, three of which with team highs in RBI, 15; batting are doubles. She has also recorded a 3.67 ERA while winning all five games for Centenary on the mound, while posting six losses in the pro-

> Dornelas has tossed three complete games in the young season with 35 strikeouts in 55 1/3 frames.

Freshman pitcher Kylie Roos has gleaned the majority of wins for NSU on the mound, posting a 5-4 re-Stuard and Stormi Stech are batting cord with three complete games and

> The Celina, Texas native has fanned 47 batters in her 48 2/3 innings pitched and garnered SLC and Louisiana Sports Writers' Association Pitcher of the Week honors ear-

The other three Lady Demon wins have come at the arm of freshon-base percentage, .378, only be- man Brooke Boening, 3-2. She has sat down 38 at the plate in just 25 1/3 innings. Boening has walked six while posting a 5.80 ERA.

The Lady Demons return to conference action this weekend with a three-game set against Stephen F. Former Lady Demon Sara Dor- Austin, 9-7, 5-1, in Nacogdoches



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Senior outfielder Randi Stuard slides into home plate in 9-4 win over the Lady Jags of Southern University. The Lady Demons won the the game in seven innings.

Demons off to smokin start

Andy Bullard

Sports Editor

its season on the road against the then ranked 21st Southern Mississip-

get the season started.

Since that early two game slide, than ours to win." the Demon baseball team has been firing on all cylinders. They turned around and beat the 21st team in the nation in the third game of the series,

That was enough of a springboard that would launch the Demons on its still standing nine game win-

streak is impressive all by itself, but also tied with Oscar Garcia in RBIs the way the Demons are winning make it even more so. In the streak, he NSU baseball team began the Demons have scored a total of 97 runs, while only allowing 26 runs.

"We have been playing well," pi and dropped the first two games Head Coach J.P. Davis said. "The of the three game series by the score pitchers are making it hard for the Not the way they had hoped to really come alive. The bats alone has a 1-0 record and has a team best

The Demons have scored double digit runs in six of the nine wins ning streak to double digits it's going throughout this streak.

of players at the plate. Leading the team in this early season is Chase Lyles who is batting a team high .364. Lyles also lead the team in runs

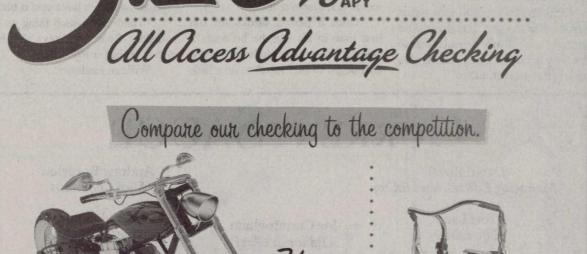
scored, 13, hits, 16, and is tied for Now a nine game winning most home runs with one. Lyles is with 13. Leading the team in that stat is Adam Roy with 16.

> "Lyles has done it time and time again," said Davis. "When the game is on the line, he steps up to the plate and does what he does best."

Leading the way on the mound opposition to score and are bats have for the Demons is Luke Irvine, who make it hard for any other team other 3.78 ERA among starters. Irvine has a team high 20 strikeouts.

For the Demons to get the winto come up against one of the tough-NSU has been led by a host est games it will play all year, the number one LSU Tigers.

Game time, however, has been postponed for April 20 at Fair Grounds Field in Shreveport.







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Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce Above: Lt. Col. (Ret.) Truman Maynard, the chief of staff of the Northwestern Demon Regiment, addresses those in attendance of the NSU Army ROTC and the NDR's annual regimental ball Saturday night in the Sylvan Friedman Student Union ballroom. The event was meant to unite past and present cadets of NSU's ROTC program and celebrate their accomplishments of the year. One major achievement recognized at the ball was the NDR's '60 for 60'

University plans to give honorary diploma to family of former student

Sarah Cramer Staff Reporter

he family of Jeremy Butler, who died in an automobile accident during Mardi Gras break, will be receiving an honorary degree for his coursework completed in the College of Business.

Butler, who was a native of Keithville, La., was set to graduate in May from the College of Business. His death on February 15 shook both faculty and students within the col-

"I can't believe he's gone," Eric Howard, senior business administration major, said. "He was a breath of fresh air. He was always positive; never a negative vibe."

Howard was one of Butler's

"For his family, my heart really does go out and I wish that he had the opportunity to be here," Howard said. "That was a business man. A real business man."

Howard said that Butler was one of the hardest-working students in the class.

"He would come to class and instead of talking with everybody... [he would] focus on the teacher. He would make sure he understood be-

fore he left. He was the ideal student that any professor would want."

And when class was over, Howard said that Butler would make sure to help any of his fellow classmates who needed assistance.

Director of Business Programs Margaret Kilcoyne got to know Butler during the fall semester in her business communications class.

"He was very outgoing," Kilcoyne said. "He had a lot of ini-

Kilcoyne agreed that Butler definitely had a future in business.

"As a matter of fact, the project [he] did for me was about starting a business in a foreign country, and [his] country was India," she said. "He came back from his job... and on Tuesday morning he said, 'I've got to tell you what I did,' and I'm thinking oh gosh, what did you do?

"He was waiting on someone that was from India, and he said when you finish your dinner, may I ask you a few questions and the man is a reminder that life is too short to said yes. And so he came over and Jeremy explained the project he was working on for me...and he said, 'At the end of the conversation, Dr. Kilcoyne, he handed me his business card and said when you graduate, wonderful, wonderful guy. He's golook me up. I have a job for you."

"He was thrilled that he had done that and taken that initiative," Kilcoyne added. In the class, one of the subjects covered was the importance of good will messages, or letters of condolences.

"I think a few of them probably wrote his mom a letter," she said. "I personally sent her a letter and expressed my condolences and shared one of the things that we teach in that particular class is the importance of sharing things on a personal note, that maybe the parent or the brother or the sister or the fiancé didn't know about the person."

In addition to going to school, Butler worked full-time at Horseshoe Casino in Shreveport. He is succeeded by his mother, Jackquline Butler; his sister, Charme Thompson; his brother, James Butler Jr.; and his fiancé, Carlisa Carpenter and their unborn child, Jasmine Albani.

Howard said that Butler's death be wasted.

"No matter how focused you are or how good your life is, you could be taken at any time."

Kilcoyne added, "He's just a ing to be missed."

Prescott, police investigate alleged thefts at University Place I

fundraising event. This particular fundraising goal was built on the premise that the alumni wanted to raise \$60,000

by the NSU ROTC's 60th anniversary. The NDR was successful in doing so and raised \$100,000 for the program.

David Royal News Editor

niversity Police is currently investigating multiple cases of alleged theft reported last week at University Place I, according to Detective Doug Prescott.

At least three residents at the on-campus housing complex reported that their personal belongings were stolen from their rooms during the night of March 9, Prescott said. Items reported stolen include an Iphone, wallets and keys.

"We're looking at all avenues for leads, and requesting any information someone may have," Prescott said.

With the three cases reported, there was no evidence of forced entry, which means either the doors were left unlocked or someone with a key was involved, Prescott explained. He did not say which of the two circumstances he predicts hap-

Bradley Hubbs, a freshman education major, was one of the residents who reported the alleged theft. Hubbs said the only thing he had stolen was his wallet, which he said had two debit cards, his driver's license and \$2 in it. He said his roommate.

Dylan Drake, was not as fortunate. Drake, a freshman education major, reported his Iphone and wallet stolen, which had \$147 in it.

Hubbs said he thinks that who-

his Drake's belongings.

he thought one of his roommates might have been involved.

Hubbs said, however, that he quickly began to doubt one of his roommates did it once he heard that another resident in the same building reported stolen items as well. He said he does not think his roommates would have also stolen from a ran-

Hubbs said that he is now confident that a resident assistant, who have keys to rooms, or another employee with Campus Living Villages was involved in the alleged theft.

Stephanie Dyjack, director of housing at NSU, said she disagrees.

"I have no reason to believe that any member of my staff was involved," Dyjack said.

Dyjack said she was out of town last week when the alleged thefts were reported, but said that once she got back to her office, she began gathering information on the situation and ensuring that everything necessary was being done to allevi-

Because keys to the rooms were reported stolen, Dyjack said locks were replaced.

In addition to the reported thefts, Dyjack explained that another

Correction:

In last week's issue, The Current Sauce reported in 'SGA gears up for upcoming presidential election' that presidential candidate Mark Daniels ran for vice president

last year with Jason Thibodeaux. Daniels, however, did not run in the election last year.

ever was involved snuck into his resident also reported to the CLV room while he was sleeping and took staff that his or her door handle was broken and appeared as if somebody Hubbs and Drake share their had tried to break into the room. The sweet with two other roommates, resident, however, did not report and Hubbs explained that, initially, any stolen items, and Dyjack said the door handle could have become loose by other means.

This incident of reported alleged thefts is the first CLV has had to deal with since 2007, Dyjack said.

The reported thefts from 2007 took place over the Thanksgiving holidays, and like the reported thefts from last week, there were no signs of forced entry. An estimated \$3,300 worth of property was stolen from students in the 2007 cases.

This is Hubbs's second semester living on campus. He said these circumstances have definitely swayed his decision on whether he will renew his lease with CLV.

Hubbs said he will probably still live on campus next year, but it will not be at University Place I or II. He said he would give University Columns a chance because of the magnetic locks that were installed on the doors this past year.

Although he said he is happy University Police is investigating his case, Hubbs said he is also realistic about the situation.

"I know the chances of finding whoever did it is slim," Hubbs said. "I pretty much know I'm going to have to replace my stuff and just move on.

Williams named head of state's new electronic planning task force

Amanda Duncil Staff Reporter

n Electronic Learning Strategic Planning Task Force was initiated by the Louisiana Board of Regents and will be headed by NSU's Darlene Williams.

Williams, who is also the vice president for Technology, Research and Economic Development at NSU, will help the Task Force determine new ways to approach and promote online education for the state

"Basically, it's going to serve as a roadmap for e-learning throughout the state," Williams said.

Williams said that NSU has made great accomplishments with the way it has adapted the curriculum into online programs. NSU currently offers 25 degree programs online and has the largest online program in the state.

Northwestern State University saw the opportunity to re-engineer itself as a leader in e-learning many years ago," said Commissioner of Higher Education Sally Clausen.

"We must move this distance

education agenda forward faster. This is a lesson to all of us that it can be done successfully."

Williams says she believes that the Task Force will provide a clear direction and vision for the state's online programs and heighten awareness about e-learning.

Williams has been vice president for Technology, Research and Economic Development since 2008, overseeing the Offices of Electronic and Continuing Education, Information Systems, Student Technology, Research and Sponsored Programs and Economic Development.

From 1999 until 2003, she was coordinator of eNSU, the university's electronic campus, the Electronic Learning Systems coordinator and trainer, university technology trainer and liaison to the Board of Regents.

From 2003 until 2008, Williams has been director of the Office of Electronic and Continuing Education.

She played a leadership role in the development of The Center for All Louisiana Learners (CALL) program, which makes it possible for adults without a degree to enroll at a Louisiana public college or university and earn a degree



File Photo/ The Current Sauce NSU's Darlene Williams has been asked to head the Electronic Learning Strategic Planning Task Force.

online and at an accelerated pace.

Williams earned her doctorate in educational administration, curriculum and instruction from the University of Nebraska. She received a bachelor's, master's and specialist degree from NSU.

Williams worked in the Sabine Parish School System from 1989 until 1999 as an elementary teacher, Title I facilitator and coordinator of student services.



SGA Update

- The Student Government Association failed to meet quoron; in its meeting Monday night so scheduled bills were forced to be tabled until next week.

- The SGA Presidential Debate is currently scheduled for Friday at noon in the Sylvan Friedman Student Union ballroom. It is open to the public.

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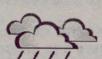
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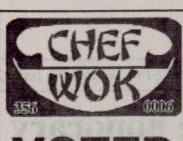






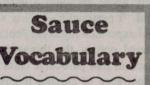






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Eclectic

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1 : selecting what appears to be best in various doctrines, methods, or styles

*2: composed of elements drawn from various sources; also : heterogeneous

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NSU hosts annual jazz festival

Vanner Erikson Sauce Reporter

here was azz music to be heard and fun to be had on March 13 at the LAJE State Jazz Festival at Northwestern State University.

ative and Performing Arts hosted the LAJE Jazz Festival in Magale Recital Hall on Saturday.

The festival happens annually and it's a time where high schools and middle schools from Louisiana and surrounding states compete against one another in hopes of winning the competition and being the best school there.

The festival committee even brought in Rob Wilkerson, a special guest jazz saxophonist who has a diverse discography that includes both his own work and recording projects of fellow Brooklyn jazz artists.

He played in the music program after the schools competed against

After an intense five hour competition, Fontainebleau High School was named the winner in the high school division, with Mandeville High School coming in second and Abbeville High School coming in

third.

Section awards were also given out to each best instrumental group.

Fontainebleau High School won in three of the four categories of Best Saxophone, Trombone and Rhythm Sections, and Mandeville High School won Best Trumpet Section.

After the awards were given NSU and the School of Cre- out to the winners, the audience and contestants were treated to a program consisting of some older jazz ensembles played by veterans of the music trade, including some assistant professors here at NSU.

The program ended with the finale of a sax section and special guests Rob Wilkerson, Paul Forsyth, Malena McLaren, Bob Maynard and Brian Rhodes.

They all played together, backed by the University Jazz Orchestra under the direction of Galindo Rodri-

"The program was breathtaking," said Alyson Breaux, a junior education major.

"It was my first time really listening to jazz music, but I loved every second of it, especially watching the students compete in the competition because their love and passion for the music really came out during their performances," she said.

After the program was over, the

students left and the audience members shuffled out, but one thing was for certain, jazz is still alive today.

More Info:

"In September 1987, the United State House of Representatives designated jazz as '...a rare American treasure to our attention, support, and

resources to make certain it is preserved, understood

The Department of Creative and Performing Arts at Northwestern State University

avoiding pinches

Taylor Graves Staff Reporter

Tori Ladd Life Editor

or driving the snakes out of Irel and and bringing Christianity to the land, the Irish chose March 17 to honor their patron saint, St. Patrick.

Although the holiday started as a Christian holiday in Ireland, countries all over the world now celebrate this Irish holiday.

"I think it's a really fun, simple and a unique holiday," said Ruth Wisher, a sophomore journalism ma-

The holiday does stand out from other more traditional holidays. Decorations for St. Patrick's Day include tiny, figurative creatures called leprechauns and four leaf clovers.

Green is an important symbol on St. Patrick's Day, not only because of luck, but it identifies with Ireland and shamrocks being. Not only is the four-leaf color and leprechaun green, but also wearing the color green has become a tradition. In fact, not wearing green has become a kind of game.

If a person does not wear green, then people pinch them all day. This random tradition has become a way

everyone can celebrate St. Patrick's Day. "My first plan for the day is to wear green, so I won't get pinched,"

Sophomore general studies major Tyler Michtell said he considers St. Patrick's Day more of a social

"A day of fun with friends. I will most likely wear green unless I forget for some crazy reason and I will most definitely be pinching people. It's just too much fun to not," Mitchell said.

City celebrations are also different. New York City had the first St. Patrick's Day parade when Irish soldiers marched the streets to show support for their country. Today, that parade has become larger and more involved with thousands participants coming to New York City. Chicago also celebrates St. Patrick's Day putting 40 pounds of green dye into the Chicago River to show its support for the Irish and their patron saint.

Although Natchitoches does not have any plans for St. Patrick's Day, that is not stopping students from celebrating.

"Well I love the color green, so I won't be pinched, and I plan on going to a St. Patty's party Saturday night," Maegan Morace, sophomore HMT major, said.

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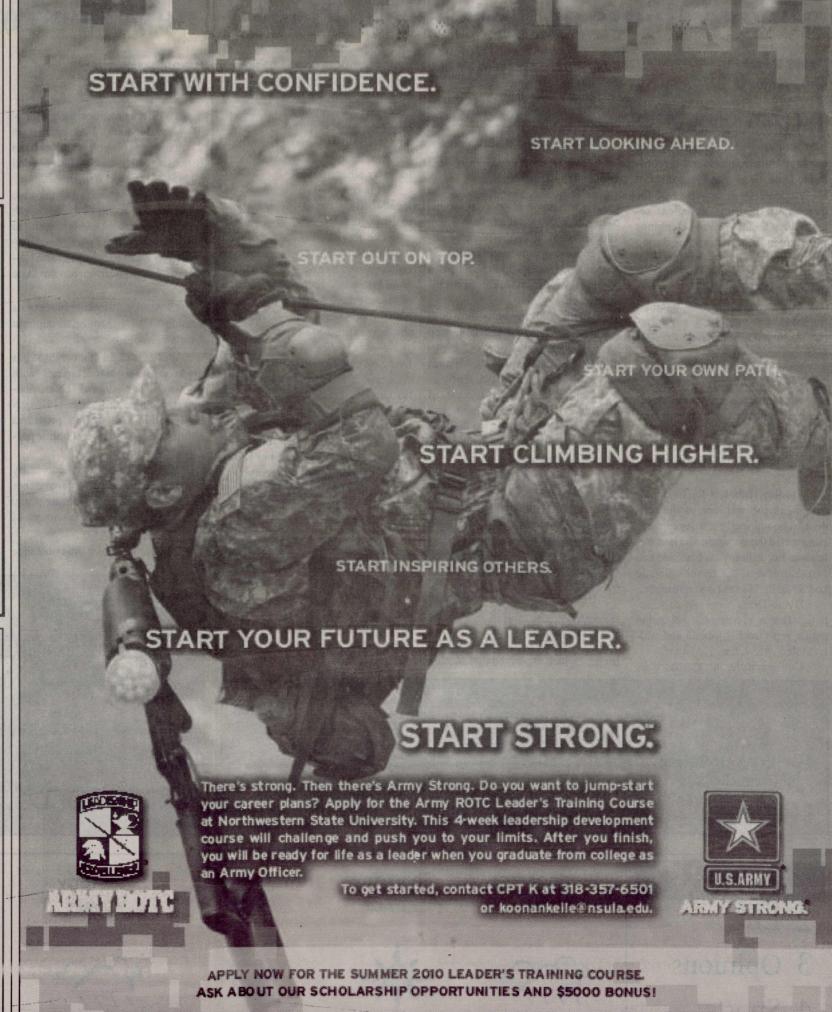
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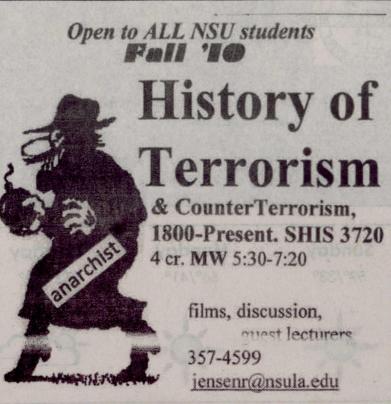
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Half the Battle: Accountability

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no longer hold people accountable?

I pay a little

attention than I should to the happenings of the national government. Why? Because I'm an idiot, and probably suffer from masochistic tendencies.

People have, according to almost every poll out there, said "Uh... no thanks," to the health care overhaul as it stands now. Our Congress wants to use tactics that undermine standard voting procedure. Clearly, someone isn't listening to the folks to put them in power in the first

I have to talk about health care almost every day. And it hurts. It really does. Why, though, do these people think that their agenda is more important than what the people want? And why are we not holding them accountable when they screw

We are a nation that is \$12 trilwant to pass a bill that would spend almost another trillion.

say that she is fighting for the people

of Louisiana when they speak out pretty hard against this bill?

How does Senator David Vitter run on a platform based on family values get himself wrapped up in the D.C. Madam scandal and stay in the lead of most polls for his 2010 reelection campaign?

How do Governor Bobby Jindal and Representative John Fleming preach against the stimulus money, saying it's a mistake, but still get some quality photo time with constituents while handing out big checks from that money?

We could go into more Louisiana politicians who need to be held accountable, but I don't have the space on this page to cover them all.

Accountability. It's a responsibility these people have to us. They asked for our support in order to get elected. And they repay us with misrepresentation, lying and scandalous actions. It's a nationwide problem.

We, as constituents, have attention spans that are just short of a gerbil's. We constantly forget that these people have done little for us once they get into office. They become the playthings of the big businesses who may or many not have the rest of our best interests at heart.

I've only been able to vote for lion in debt, and our beloved leaders a few years, but I'm already tired of it. And, I know the younger generation isn't expected to vote, but I tried The Current Sauce is released every

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Duck in the room

Paul Randall Adams Staff Columnist

band of sunlight across my face, I rolled over, milking the morning for the last four minutes that I had left before my alarm clock sounded.

I could almost count down the seconds, holding my breath until the blaring sound of the alarm clock signaled that it was time to get moving.

Grumpily, I waited and waited. But the sound that accompanied the incessant beeping broke my mood.

For a moment, I was confused it sounded like rustling papers or like trees being blown about in a hurricane. It was a furious, baffling noise that only subsided whenever I shut my alarm clock off at last.

Sickeningly, fear and excitement mixed in my body as I pondered on the source of the sound. Curiosity getting the best of me,

I began searching.

My efforts led me to the fireplace in my bedroom.

I reland is a

country that was

founded around

a river of liquor,

and every year of

their history is a

median, said.

Paddy's Day.

refinement of the art and the craft of

drinking," Lewis Black, standup co-

myths told about the origins and

cultural traditions of the holiday, but

it seems like few people grasp the

concept of St. Patrick's Day, or St.

changed and affected more aspects

than many people think. The date of

the holiday has changed periodically

in order to avoid it interfering with

2008 when it was moved to Mar. 15.

The next date change will not occur

till around 2160 though, so we don't

have to worry about confusing our

The last change was made in

the Christian Holy Week.

party plans anytime soon.

Over the years, this holiday has

There are many legends and

The glass doors were holding minute. something hostage, and I was about to find out what it was.

Peeking through the crack, I discovered the head of small, female wood duck. She was scared and panting, and I knew that if I tried to get her out by myself, I would only end up hurting both myself and the

Thirty minutes later, once she had made quite a few frantic flights about my bedroom, and my roommates and I were at wit's end with the frightened creature, we released the duck to safety and fell back into and live a little. our normal routines.

As the day went on, I was able to regale everybody I encountered with the story of how my roommates and I had wrangled a duck - I conveniently forgot to tell them all that my roommates did all the work.

Though I was late for my first class and annoyed at the upset in my routine, I became thankful for the adventure. It made a nice conversation piece, after all.

Everybody needs a break from their day-to-day, something to talk about. It's nice to wake up and be spontaneous.

It's important to not be tied down to schedules every waking in our bedrooms.

It is, after all, truly the random things in life that turn into the best

This is something to keep in mind. It's so easy to fall into the monotony of class-after-class, day in and day out.

It's so easy to fall prey to the nasty monster that is a day planner. It's easy to plan every single moment of every single waking day.

And then, it's just as easy to complain about how busy one is.

Perhaps it's time to break free,

Live responsibly. Sure there is a little give and a little take.

You may need to double up on homework one night, to ensure that the weekend is free for fun, for excitement. Sometimes we all need that 12 a.m. Taco Bell run.

Sometimes we all need to hunt for monsters in the river on Front

It's those memories that will live on, that you will remind your friends of in a few years' time.

It's okay to break free, the break out of the routine and have some fun. It's healthy, in fact.

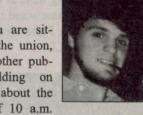
Sometimes we all need a duck

Opinionated Spirits: And our representatives from my very best to do so, but I have Louisiana? How does Mary Landrieu received little return on my investwww.thecurrentsauce.com Religion meets alcohol **Andrew Bordelon** Staff Columnist

PDA: Get a dorm

Tom Lawler Guest Columnist

you are sitting in the union, or any other public building on campus about the hours of 10 a.m.



to 2 p.m., chances are high that you will bear witness to something truly grotesque.

Even if it's only occurs once in your day.

Personal displays of affection. or PDA, is a tragedy affecting young and old alike. And it is terribly rampant on campus.

One problem with PDA is the surge of uncomfortable feelings it leaves in its mushy gushy aftermath.

It leaves the helpless viewer with such questions as "Did he really just kiss her there?" and "Why did she feel the need to grab that in what is not. front of me?"

the lack of control you have over yourself to look away.

For one reason or another, you making out at Grill 155 by the barbeque dispenser.

What is worse is, sometimes, there is no real way to avoid making visual contact, even when you try to turn away.

Take for example the couple in my psychology class who walk up and down the aisles holding hands and throwing sweet, but ever so suggestive looks to one another.

That's right. I called you out.

Other discomforting issues about PDA include the fact that you (I am not excluded) have given personal displays of affection.

It isn't respectful of those of us

around these couples and just makes those involved look like clingy whores. It can be difficult to draw a line

on what is considered PDA, and

Another problem with PDA is nificant other considered as such?

What about getting up and responding to text messages, or maybe worse sex messages, every five mincannot help but stare at the couple utes when in the presence of company?

> Is overuse of the words 'baby' and 'honey' PDA? Who the hell knows for sure?

We, the humans of this world, desire affection and attention from those fine individuals we would want to care about us.

It is a basic need, perhaps. Maybe it is a blessing or a curse.

Again, I do not know. Let it be considered that the letter 'p' in PDA also stands for 'pub-

It is my opinion that it would best represent 'private'.

What goes on in the walls of University Places and University Columns is not my slightest concern.

I have no business to know the on goings in every hovel in our

So please, for the love of decen-Is holding hands with your sig- cy and decorum, do not show me.

Outside of Ireland, celebrations to get in the mood of the Irish drinkgo on all day long and sometimes ing tradition. through the entire night. Countries

unique celebrations for St. Paddy's Catholics practicing Lent, the 40 day period of fasting and prayer to pre-

like England, Canada, Argentina and

even South Korea all have their own

pare for the coming of Easter. The rules and practices of fasting and how the Lenten season is carried out has certainly changed over the years, but St. Patrick's Day remains as a celebration and relaxation from Lent.

Beyond the history and religious affiliations, it's a day pass to drink like Irishmen, whether people do it to ease the stress from midterms or are still upset over a heart breaking Valentine's Day.

Unless one lives far enough south to enjoy Mardi Gras, St. Paddy's Day is one of the few holidays when the excessive consumption of alcohol is permissible.

green, whether Irish or not, to avoid then I think we could all learn a lesthe friendly, yet painful pinches and son.

I would normally question the quality of a beer with a green tint to it on a normal day, but on St. Paddy's Day the rules change.

What would seem disgusting A central theme I have found in with an off color is acceptable, or an St. Paddy's Day is that it's a break. amount of drinking thought to be un-The holiday serves as a break for orthodox on a normal occasion will be OK to drink.

When celebrating the traditions of the Irish, it is important to get yourself into the mindset of the Irish. Therefore, drinking plays a critical part in this holiday celebration.

This is not to say that all the Irish do is drink, even if that's what I personally believe. The important aspect of St. Patrick's Day for people, especially college students, to remember is that when Mar. 17 roles around, it's time for a break.

Crack open a Guinness or Smithwicks, or pour a smooth glass of Jameson or Bushmills over ice. Either way, drink like the Irish to feel like the Irish.

If they apparently lost civilization when they discovered whiskey People across the country wear and can be that care free about it,

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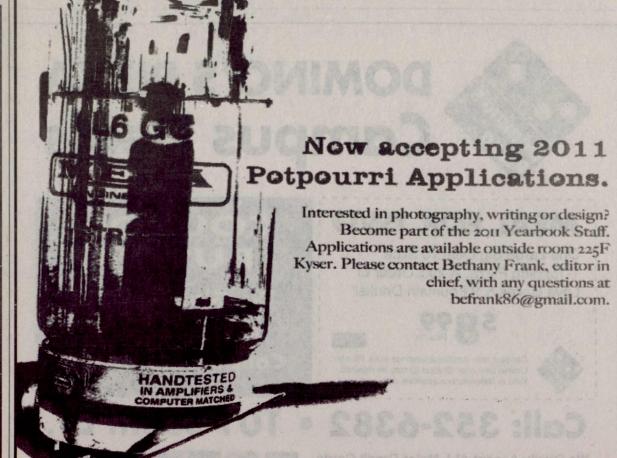
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Putting 'student' back in student athlete

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

choed throughout Northwestern State University's field house are the cornerstones of the athletic department.

Laminated signs that read "academic achievement, personal responsibility and competitive success," sit in the offices of the building and are used to reinforce the mission of the athletic department.

Those cornerstones helped NSU emerge as a leader on a state, conference and national level in terms of student athlete academia.

"The tone is set on a daily basis," NSU Athletics Director Greg Burke said. " Academic achievement is expected in our department and it starts with me.

"It continues with our coaches and ultimately to our student athletes.'

ference in representatives on the 24man 2009 Academic All-SLC Football Team with six.

The Lady Demons' tennis team has the highest team grade point average of all sports on campus with a cumulative GPA of 3.656.

inning.

Five of the eight Lady Demons' community and we want to graduate said.

the fall semester.

Tennis is followed by softball with a team cumulative GPA of 3.339 and soccer with 3.332.

Surprisingly, baseball ranks fourth with a team GPA of 3.19.

"On a national level, baseball has been a sport that struggles with academics because of the many players that transfer schools, amount of travel the teams do and midweek games the teams play," academic coordinator Jodie Heinicka said. "Demon baseball is different. Our team GPA is 3.19 and that is unusually high for baseball."

Baseball is the only sport that the NCAA requires the players to remain eligible year-round and not just the semester prior to the season.

"Three things go into having a successful student athlete program," Executive Director of Athletics William Broussard said. "You have to

"You have to be committed and NSU leads the Southland Con- you have to recruit the right kind of teams are again positioned so promi-

> of the student athletes in academia letic department.

NSU Demon Baseball Update

The NSU Demons baseball team was able to hold off a late game rally from the University of Louisiana-

They were his third and fourth home runs of the season. Trent Grondin, Chase Lyles, Tyler Baisley and Eric

Monroe, to win 8-6, last night at Brown Stroud Field. Oscar Garcia led an 12-hit attack with his two round trippers

DeBlanc each finished with two hits as well. Baisley hit a two-run homer in the second to help spark a three-run

- a three-run bomb in the second inning followed by a two-run homer in the third.

tennis players had a GPA of 4.0 in all of our student athletes," Broussard said.

> NSU is ranked the second highest public Louisiana institution in the NCAA's Graduation Success Rates study.

NSU's 73 percent GSR score trailed an 84 percent score by Centenary and Tulane and Southeastern Louisiana's 76 percent score.

NSU's score place the school third among Southland Conference institutions, topped by Texas A&M Corpus Christi's 78 percent score and SLU's score.

"To put it in perspective, 60 percent is a very good score. 55 percent is the national average and we beat that by 18," Broussard said. We are graduating athletics at a higher rate than LSU and their budget is about six or seven times higher."

For Burke, the academic record of the athletic department is overwhelming. It represents more than have a lot of support for your student athletic department. It represents the entire university.

"The fact that so many NSU nently in this most recent GSR Broussard believes that success report, when compared to other Southland Conference and state of should be top priority to every ath- Louisiana athletic programs, is a continuing testimony that our ath-"We want to win the big game, letic department focus on academic we want to provide service to the success is paying dividends," Burke



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Olga Bazhanova leads the 64th ranked Lady Demon Tennis team to its eighth straight win, while claiming her first SLC Player of the Week and the fourth straight for NSU.

Lady Demon Tennis aces competition

Andy Bullard Sports Editor

he NSU Lady Demons Tennis team has been setting the courts ablaze, not only as a team, but individually as well.

As a team, the Lady Demons have ascended into the rankings. NSU is ranked 64th according to Intercollegiate Tennis Association's national women's rankings.

On its way to being ranked 64th. the Lady Demons have won eight straight and have accumulated a 10-1 record overall, and a perfect 5-0 record in conference.

"It's nice to achieve a national ranking and be recognized by the national ranking committee," Head Coach Patric DuBois said. "The girls have worked very hard this year and have played at a very good and consistent level so far this spring.

"We hope to continue to do mates Andrea Nedorostova, Kath- plex against ULL.

Southland Conference champion- Martina Rubesova.

been winning, but it has been by dominating fashion.

Of the 10 wins, NSU has won 7-0 four times, 6-1 five times and 5-2. The only loss so far this season was to the Tulane Lady Green Wave by the score of 3-4.

"We played well," DuBois said. "I thought we did as well as we day, could to win, but Tulane just beat us, that's it."

Tennis, despite being a "team" sport is made up of individuals, and without good individual players a tennis team won't perform well.

Luckily for NSU, the individuals that make up the team are on top of their game.

As of yesterday, the NSU Lady Demons have had the Southland Conference Player of the Week for tinue its winning ways as it begins a the fourth straight week in a row.

Olga Bazhanova follows team-

NSU Lady Demon Softball Update

so and achieve our main goal of a rin Lange and last week's recipient,

SLC Sports Information direc-Not only have the Lady Demons tors vote for the player of the week awards in all sports and cannot vote for their own nominees.

> Bazhanova was perfect last weekend, winning 6-3, 6-3 over Petra Keilova of UCA before she had to come from behind to prevail over Veronique Luksisch of Arkansas-Little Rock 3-6, 7-6, 10-3 on Sun-

> In doubles, Bazhanova/Curukovic won 8-2 over Keilova/Mainz of UCA and 8-5 over Weijenborg/ Kakovkina of UALR.

"They have been playing great week in and week out," DuBois said.

"The four of them among the rest of the team, that is performing almost just as well, has made my job as a coach extremely easy."

The Lady Demons look to conthree match home stand this Saturday at the Jack Fisher Tennis Com-



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The Lady Demon softball team was able to get back on the winning horse, as they traveled to Alcorn State and won both games of the double header by the scores of, 6-2, 8-4. NSU knocked around 25 hits on the day while freshman pitcher Kylie Roos (7-5) tossed six innings of shutout ball in the first contest. Roos fanned seven batters, giving up only two hits and two walks.



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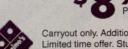
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SGA moves to online voting for today's presidential election

David Royal News Editor

moday, the Student Government Association is holding its presidential election today by way of online voting only.

This marks the first time the SGA presidential or any other major elections have been held online at NSU, said Kayla Wingfield, current SGA president.

Wingfield explained that the change was a direct result of students' requests.

"Students were complaining that we were giving less and less time to vote, so [the SGA] decided online voting would provide the most opportunities for students to vote," Wingfield said.

Running for president this is year are former SGA Vice President and Treasurer Mark Daniels and current SGA Vice President Matthew Morrison. Daniels's running mate for vice president is SGA Speaker of the Senate Patrick Brooks, and Morrison's running mate is Senator Ruth

In order to give students an opportunity to gain a better understanding of the two candidates' opinions and leadership styles, the SGA held a presidential debate Monday afternoon in the Friedman Student Union.

Wingfield moderated the debate, which was formulated into a two minute response to a question, and an optional one minute rebuttal



Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce SGA presidential candidates Mark Daniels (left) and Matthew Morrison (right) participate in a debate that took place Monday in Friedman Student Union. Students have the opportunity to vote online for either candidate today.

from the other candidate.

Wingfield had about five questions already prepared for the debate that pertained to each of the candidates' basic platform, ambitions and scenarios that were designed to illustrate the different ways the candidates would handle specific prob-

Some of the scenarios presented in Wingfield's questions ranged from how to solve a paper shortage problem in computer labs to how to deal with raising tuition.

When discussing his platform, Daniels said that although he believes in service to the students, a president should also do more.

"The student body president needs to SGA. do more than just help out students," Daniels said.

It takes a certain level of knowledge and interpersonal skills to be able to work with the different schools' leaders, Daniels said. He added that his experience with working Louisiana's Council of Student Body Presidents allows him to do so.

Morrison said in his platform that he wanted to stress that the student body is what he will be serving if elected, not NSU officials or the

"I want to make sure every bill that is passed is in the best interest of the student body," Morrison said.

Morrison also said that he understands there is only so much a president can do in one year, and therefore he established realistic goals that can be successfully met.

After asking her prepared ques-

tions, Wingfield then asked the can- are really about. didates questions that the audience

The students' questions pertained to raising the funding for the NSU band, each candidate's opinion concerning parking tickets on campus, the state's budget cuts of higher education and their intentions of reintroducing a revised version of he said. "He had general confidence a bill that would reduce the scholarships of the SGA executive branch and redirect it to the organization's

dates had similar responses to the decision on who he will vote for tostudents' questions.

Morrison and Daniels agreed that it is justified to give parking tickets to students who park in designated areas and do not have proper authorization.

Additionally, both candidates shared similar sentiments that the executive branch is over paid and, if elected, both said they will pursue passing a bill that would reduce its total scholarships.

About 15 students attended the debate. The majority of those in attendance was Daniels's fraternity brothers and said they were in support of Daniels.

There were some students at the debate, however, like Jake Funderburk, who was undecided on who he supports.

Funderburk, a junior political science major, said he wanted to use the debate as an opportunity to get a feel for what Morrison and Daniels cast your vote."

"On paper, they're both good candidates," Funderburk said. "But political debate often shows political performance."

After seeing the debate, Funderburk said he was more impressed with Daniels.

"Mark [Daniels] did it for me," and he seemed more informed about issues in and outside of campus."

Although he decided the winner of the debate, Funderburk said For the most part, both candi- that he was still unsure of his final

He said he would just reflect more between Monday and today to make the best decision.

Polls technically opened last night at midnight and will close today at 4 p.m. To vote, go to the following link: https://secure.nsula. edu/SGAVoting/default.aspx.

If you need access to a computer, room 240B in the Student Union will be open with computers that can be used to cast votes.

Morrison said he has been pleased with running process and hopes the voting process will also

"It's been a great, clean election," Morrison said. "I hope there will be a good turnout at the election and students are enthused."

Daniels agreed by saying, "I don't care who you vote for or what you believe in, just come out and

Club Sports continues to correct system: Funding to teams still suspended

Sarah Cramer Staff Reporter

The Student Government Association is currently writing a bill that would resume funding to NSU's Club Sports, which was suspended at the start of March.

The bill is intended to be brought before the SGA this Monday, said Shanice Major, SGA treasurer and NSU Club Sports Committee chairperson.

Major is the primary illustrator of the bill and is rewriting the bylaws, line by line, to fix the problems the committee has had with funding.

"Basically, we're changing a lot of the holes and a lot of the wording," she said.

"It was pretty vague. There weren't any specifics."

Major initially predicted that funding for Club Sports would resume only a week after funds were suspended, but she explained that the entire process is taking longer than expected.

She said that four people, including herself, are going through the material and developing their own drafts.

By having multiple people work toward a solution, Major said the Club Sports Committee can ensure that the same serious problems will be alleviated, hopefully, for good.

"It's taking longer because we're being especially careful," she

Once the drafts are complete, Major said she is then compiling and adapting them into one "awesome"

Major explained that the bill tournament.

will propose several new ideas for Club Sports.

funding once a semester, as opposed to once a year.

She said there is approximately \$90,000 in funding for club sports, and teams will be able to request an amount they would like to receive to we had a Demon Dodgeball team." cover either travel fees or purchas-

She added that if a club sport applies in the fall, their standing will be good for an entire academic year.

There will also be a new Club Sports handbook, which will define the steps a club sport needs to take in order to receive funding.

SGA Advisor Yonna Pasch said that previously, the process was "very antiquated."

"And so now we've cleaned it up so it's a little easier for the club sport to be able to request funds and to make sure that we know who has to do what and when and where,"

Pasch explained that originally, the club would simply ask the SGA for funding, but not all the necessary paperwork would be completed because there was confusion as to what was the next step.

"It used to not be that way... they would just come," Pasch said.

"They would get funded and no one knew what had to happen after that. So this process is changed to where there are no questions."

Funding for club sports was put on hold in early March after an incident that occurred when the Demon Dodgeball team traveled to Western Kentucky University to compete in a

After the team experienced a car collision costing \$2,000, the SGA The teams may now receive realized that not all the paperwork had been filled out.

> "There was a gap of communication between the SGA and the WRAC," Major said.

"The WRAC didn't even know

She said that although the paperwork was filled out, it didn't make it to the Club Sports' budget head at the WRAC.

"We used that as, 'Ok, let's take this experience and learn from it and make it better," Pasch said.

Davina McClain, advisor of Demon Dodgeball and director of Louisiana Scholars' College, said that she believes that if these bylaws are approved by the board, things will run a lot more smoothly

"When it comes to funding and financing right now, we all have to be very, very careful because things are tight," McClain said.

"It's important that the process be as clear as possible. So anything, any revisions, anything that sets a clear process for funding or for reimbursement is a good idea so that all parties involved know exactly what they need to do," she said.



Department of Criminal Justice collaborates with technical colleges

Staff Reporter

T SU signed a 2+2 agreement with Central Louisiana Technical College and Northshore Technical College that is planned to increase the accessibility of the university's criminal justice program to potential students.

Joe Morris, head of the Department of Criminal Justice, explained that the agreement makes it easier for graduates of technical schools to transfer to NSU and earn a four-year degree in criminal justice.

When students leave a technical school, their credits cannot transfer to a four-year program because they are not accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools students to continue their studies without having to start over.

Morris said the agreement opens many doors for students.

By transferring their technical school credits and graduating with a four-year degree, they are able to go on to graduate school and have a wider selection of career options.

"These kinds of relationships require that faculty and academic administrators of the partnering institutions work closely and in harmony with students' best interest in mind," said NSU President Randall Webb in a press release by the News

tive effort between NSU and prospective technical schools.

In order for the schools to re- line and face-to-face classes.

The 2+2 agreement will allow ceive SACS accreditation, teachers in the program need a master's degree or higher and have at least 18 hours in the field they teach.

> As a result, NSU's criminal justice program will continue to ex-This semester there are 412 stu-

dents pursuing a major in the pro-"We will continue to grow and we will continue to provide a qual-

ity education," Morris said. Addionally, Webb announced that he is open to accepting other majors for additional 2+2 agree-

NSU has 2+2 agreements with The agreement is a collabora- six Louisiana institutions and two

colleges in Washington. The agreement covers both on-

Student Government Association Weekly Update

- The SGA passed a bill that will request to Sodexo that they provide lactate milk in its menu to cater to those who are lactose intolerant.
- The SGA passed a bill approving \$4,000 from its budget to fund a dance theater group to perform at NSU on April 11.
- A bill concerning the Club Sports Committee funding system will be placed on emergenc status at next week's meeting.

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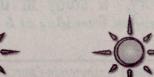
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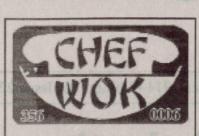
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Eclectic

· \ih-KLEK-tik\ · adjective

1: selecting what appears to be best in various doctrines, methods, or styles

*2: composed of elements drawn from various sources; also: heterogeneous

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SAB Spring Fling 2010: 'Peace, love and NSU

Van Erikson Sauce Reporter

arnival," "crawfish" and 'craps," the three C's that are happening this week courtesy of the Student Activities Board Spring Fling Week.

Spring Fling week is a three day activity that is similar to the Homecoming festivities put on in the fallthe only difference is that it's at a different time.

This year's theme is "Peace. Love and NSU," which will be incorporated into all the activities over the course of the three days.

All of the activities put on by SAB are free with your student I.D.

March 23 will be the beginning day of Spring Fling, with the theme "Peace, Love and Carnival."

There will be games, prizes and cotton candy in a carnival theme setting on Kyser brick way.

The next day of Spring Fling Week will hit a little closer to home with "Peace, Love and Crawfish." There will be free crawfish for

all in attendance. Additionally, there will be multiple musical performances.

SAB will be blocking off the road in front of the Student Union to hold all the crawfish and a bandstand that will support seven different acts.

All seven acts are part of the Crescent City College Tour, which are all local, up-and-coming artists.

They have deemed themselves the "Freshman of the New Class of Hip-Hop.'

Their music is focused on positive influences and giving students a break from classes and exams because some of the artists are college students as well.

The third and final day of Spring Fling will be a gamble with "Peace, Love and Vegas.'

This event will be hosted in the Student Union Ballroom and there will be a variety of casino games and loads of prizes to win.

Some of the prizes include a flat screen television and Guitar Hero game system.

"I am so excited," freshmen sociology major Zora Coop said.

"This will be my first one and I cannot wait to see acts and participate in the games."

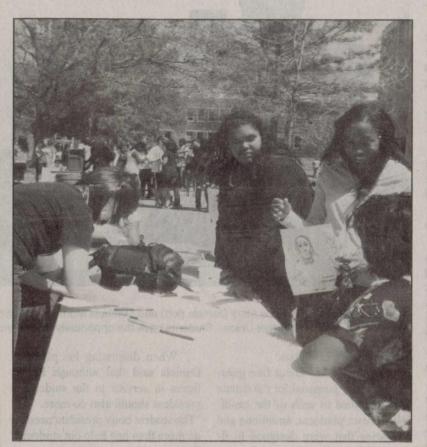


Photo by Tori Ladd / The Current Sauce Stiudents enjoying the festivities at the 2010 Spring Fling "Peace, love, and Carnival" festival.

Peace, Love, & Crawfish Wednesday, March 24th

L-5 p.m., S.U. Circle & Street

Featuring the Crescent City College Tour and band "The

National Kick Butts Day

12 noon, Rally in SU Circle

Wear your Fresh Campus or Tobacco Free Living t-shirt for the group picture

> Peace, Love, and Las Vegas

Thursday, March 25th

7 p.m., S.U. Ballroom

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Opinionated Spirits:

Religion and Alcohol, part 2

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

am fortunate enough to have parents who are part of a religion that allows the consumption of alcohol.

Otherwise, I would have had to resort to converting, which wastes time, and happy hour is only so long.

Islam and certain Protestant religions that ban the consumption of alcohol always spark my interest and ignite my curiosity.

Different people's reasoning for not drinking, whether religious or personal, interests me.

Although I never criticize a tee-

tained that everyone should at least would be mostly emotional in accor-

My religious beliefs support the idea that intentionally drinking to the point of severe inebriation is wrong, an idea practiced by many Christian

I agree that when one drinks to get drunk, he sometimes loses sight of what is right and wrong. This can interfere with God's "plan" for us, as some would call it.

For certain Christian religions, however, I find it puzzling that they would not allow drinking. After all, Jesus liked to party.

Now before I lose the support or attention of anyone, think back to Jesus' first miracle was turning

water to wine, and he drank nothing but wine for his last meal.

I admit if Jesus returned within totaler negatively, I've always main- my lifetime that my first reaction

dance with my faith.

But I can't help thinking of what an amazing drinking buddy the Savior would make.

First of all, there's no need to worry about working overtime to make a few extra bucks to spend at the bar. He's got you covered.

Let's say He and you decide to go to a water bar, but you forgot your bathing suit. No worries, just stand tall and stay dry.

I would not advise drinking against Him though because His blood alcohol content will already have Him in the lead.

After hearing Jesus' voice for the first time and hearing Him say, "I love you," I think the next one on my list of things to witness would seeing Him grab a cup of water from my hand and say, "I got this one."

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Respectfully,

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Middle Child POV: Senior recital philosophy

Paul Randall Adams Staff Columnist

Cleepless nights. Tiresome days. Hour upon hour of exasperating practicing. Day-in and day-out, the same old thing.

Tension headaches, stress migraines, high blood pressure. High emotions, low self-esteem and a mound of stress food.

These are just a few characteristics of a senior recital.

If you count the amount of hours that some practice for their recitals, they should be receiving healthcare benefits.

It's ridiculous.

Five, six, seven hours a week, depending on the instrument, and the level of music. All on top of classes and homework and jobs.

And it all boils down to one hour. One "make it or break it" kind of hour. One hour to play your heart

On the converse, however, that's also one hour that can go terribly wrong. One hour that one can never recover from.

That's just the misfortune that musicians face as they work toward their degrees and graduation.

The senior recital is the culmination of a musician's education, much like the senior art shows that art students must endure, or the thesis defense sessions that Scholars' College students must suffer through.

time that one must put all of their eggs in one basket.

to make an impression, to prove their worth, and to work their way toward

One fateful hour to leave a mark in the musical history of NSU.

Though this situation is stressful, and though there are bags under my eyes, I am truly grateful for the experience.

I am gaining good experience, and most of all, I've learned an important lesson.

As silly and cliché as it sounds life as a music major has truly taught me to make every moment count, to make every second matter.

Because as you'll learn from a recital or even an end-of-semester jury, it's that one moment that determines your grade.

It's that one moment that decides your grade, your graduation plans, and honestly your future.

So, spend your time wisely, make them count. It honestly could good impression, that one last mark in history.

How do you want to be remem-

It's important to consider this, if for no other reason than the Senior But unfortunately, it's also a Recital Philosophy. You have one minute, one chance to make your impression.

They have one shot, one chance On the first day of class, are you kind to your teachers, are you respectful? Or are you sneering and rude?

These are the things that teach-

And it's these things that teachers consider whenever you need an extension on a paper, or some extra time to complete homework, or a letter of recommendation.

It's these things that bosses mull over when you request some time off or when they are looking for someone to promote.

So, perhaps the musicians, the artists and the Scholars' students are smarter than meets the eye. Maybe it's that preparation to

put all their eggs in one basket that truly prepare them for life. Because, after all, you only get

one audition, one interview to prove yourself worthy of a job or position.

Perhaps it's not such a bad thing to live life according to the Senior Recital Philosophy.

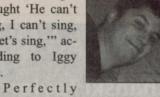
Music Junkie: The Velvet Underground and Nico

Zach McLendon

Guest Columnist

66Tt gave me hope, here's a band playing super simple songs

singer can't sing. I thought 'He can't sing, I can't sing, so let's sing," according to Iggy



unperfect. That is the best way I can describe The Velvet Underground's first album, The Velvet Underground and Nico.

Released in 1967, the album was a commercial flop due to its risqué lyrics and gritty music. Since then, The Velvet Under-

ground and Nico has become one of music's most critically acclaimed albums and is even considered a holy relic for aspiring musicians.

The great thing about The Velvet Underground and Nico is that almost every song has something unique to offer, so it makes it hard to

pick my favorites.

After hours of listening, I've narrowed it down to four songs. With its drug driven lyrics and a

piano being played like a percussion instrument, "I'm Waiting For My Man" is defiantly one to check out. At first it might seem rep-

etitious, but the song has an uncanny power of growing on people. "Heroin" could quite possibly be the greatest drug song every writ-

It not only captures the brutality of drug use in its poetic lyrics, but also with its ever changing

tempo and savagely played music. "Sunday Morning" is a beautiful combination of ambient music and Lou Reed's dream-like singing.

It could make any listener's stress melt away. In an album filled with cha-

os, this song truly shines through. Finally, based off a novella of the same name by Leopold von Sacher-Masoch, "Venus in Furs" is a surreal journey for the ears.

Whether its the pounding drums, disappoint.

scratchy violin, or lyrics about bondage, there is always something in this song that drags me in from beginning to end.

disappointing songs on this album. but I was only able to come up with two that I could leave or take. "European Son" is the final

To be fair, there are very few

song on the album and it starts out promising enough. Not even half way in, though, it turns into this bombardment of mad-

dening guitar notes and drum hits. Now don't get me wrong, love crazy instrumental music, but listening to this song is

work, and that is never enjoyable. And while "There She Goes Again" isn't necessarily bad, it isn't good either. It is, simply,

mediocre and very forgettable. The Velvet Underground and Nico isn't for every music fan, but if you're looking for something a little weird to spice up your music collection, then this classic album will not

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Demons split Lady Demon softball throw 'Kats' out Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

Matt Fowler Sauce Reporter

he Northwestern State baseball team continued its conference and non-conference schedule on the road traveling to Stephen F. Austin and nationally ranked Texas A&M.

In its first game Friday, the Demons were led by stellar pitching from the then-reining Southland Conference and Louisiana Sports Writer Association player of the week, Luke Irvine, beating the Lumberjacks 4-2.

Irvine captured his third win, pitching six solid innings, allowing only four hits, striking out eight batters and giving up only one unearned

"Getting the first win of a series is pretty important," said Demon Head Coach J.P. Davis. "SFA is a good ball club and they came in playing will. It was a played game between both of us."

The Demons showed the ability to jump out to a lead quickly and maintain that lead with stout pitching.

"Luke was very good again and really did a great job of establishing his off-speed stuff," said Davis.

In the seventh inning, reliever Dustin Northcott took the mound and did not allow a run in the seventh or eighth inning, allowing closer Chad Sheppard to make his sixth save of the year.

With that save, Sheppard is now tied with Skip Madden for the alltime career saves in school history.

"As good as we were on the

mound, we were just as good defensively," said Davis.

Demon third baseman Chase Lyles extended his hit streak to 16 games and eventually to 17 games in the second game of the series. Lyles also drove in a run.

Shortstop Trent Grondin led the team in hits with three in five at-bats.

Lyles, Justin Martinez, and Adam Roy each had two hits. The middle of the Demon order, which consisted of Lyles, Tyler Baisley, Roy, and Martinez, went a combined 7-15 with two runs batted in and

"Offensively, we did a nice job, Davis said. "The wind was blowing in and we did a nice job of adjusting to get on top of the ball."

Sunday did not turn out as well for the Demon baseball team losing the game 10-9 after taking the Lumberjacks to extra innings. The fact that the game was played in wintry conditions, including a heavy downpour of snow that hid the ball from outfielders at times, really hurt the

'The conditions were terrible out there," Davis said. "But the bottom line is we just didn't get the job

Heath Hennigan got the start and gave up four runs on seven hits in three and one-third innings.

The Demon offense showed up scoring four times in the sixth inning to push a lead to 9-4, but the Lumberjacks returned the favor and scored four in their half of the sixth

The Lumberjacks also scored in nine strikeouts.

the bottom of the eighth inning to tie the game, and neither team could score in the ninth.

In the bottom of the tenth SFA centerfielder popped a ball up to shallow left-centerfield, but due to weather conditions at the time, the ball fell to the ground for a double.

Freshman lefty Andrew Adams on the mound intentionally walked the next batter.

SFA first baseman put down a sacrifice bunt to move the runners over, and then Adams struck out the next batter. After falling to a 3-1 count, Adams intentionally walked the next batter with a base open.

Bobby Loveless, SFA third baseman, was at the plate with two outs and a 3-2 count when Adams barely missed the strike zone for ball four and walked the SFA winning run home. Adams was preceded on the mound by Trevor Geist and Dustin Northcott.

The third game of the series was cancelled due to weather conditions.

Behind Chad Sheppard, who broke the NSU all-time career saves mark, Chase Lyles, who extended his hitting streak to 18 and home runs by Justin Martinez and Tyler Baisley, the Demons were able to beat the number 21 ranked Texas A&M Aggies. 4-1.

This marks the second time the Demons have defeated a ranked opponent this season. With the first being Southern Miss., earlier this sea-

Ryan Zimmerman pitched a gem, he went seven strong and had

he Lady Demons softball team won its first Southland Conference series since 2008 in a commanding doubleheader sweep over the Sam Houston State Bearkats by the score of 10-7, 1-0

The win improved the Lady Demons' record to 15-12 overall, 3-6 in

"This is big for us," Lady Demon Head Coach Donald Pickett said. "We knew this was a big series for us that these were must win games. Every game gets bigger and bigger in conference.

"We just have to take it one game at a time.'

In the first contest, NSU pitcher Brooke Boening pitched a complete

She struck out 16 batters, but Sam Houston was kept alive because of four errors committed by the Lady

"We needed all of Brooke's strikeouts because our defense let her down in that game," Pickett said of the freshman. "She had to toughen up at times and she did that and kept her head no matter what happened on defense. She just kept attacking."

Brooke finished the game with nine hits and seven runs but three of those runs were due to the Lady De-

"I had confidence in my defense Kelee Grimes (2) helped the Lady Demons softball team win its very first no matter what," Boening said. "It's just a matter of having confidence in them at all times. This was a huge win for us and it shows how well we can bounce back after such a bad game yesterday."

Sophomore Kelee Grimes pitched the second game.

walked two in seven innings pitched.

"I just wanted to keep hitting

SLC series in over two years, aganist the Sam Houston Lady Bearkats. fine." Grimes said. "I knew we really definitely be an all-conference pitch-

Photo by Gary Hardamon

job, then we'd be okay and I knew they were a team we could beat." Grimes sustained a 1-0 lead af-

ter a sacrifice fly by Ashlee England Grimes struck out 12 batters and to drive in Ashleigh Kuhn.

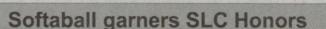
"Kelee has great stuff," Pickett said. "The thing about her is that she that we could beat them and we'd be get ahead. If she does that, she can game series.

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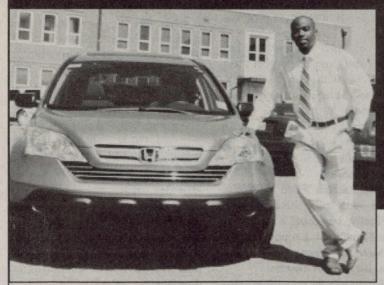
That game begins a four-game

road trip. The next game the Lady Demons will play at home will be my spots because I knew if I did needs to keep attacking hitters and against Texas-Arlington for a three-



Northwestern State freshman slugger Ashleigh Kuhn garnered Southland Conference Hitter of the Week honors after her performances at the plate last week, the league office announced Monday

She lifted her batting average nearly 100 points from .233 to .316 thanks to four multi-hit games. Kuhn was 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI in a 6-2 win against Alcorn State and had at least two hits in each of the three games against Sam Houston State. She finished the series with Sam Houston 7-for-9 with two doubles and three RBI.



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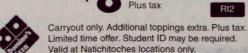
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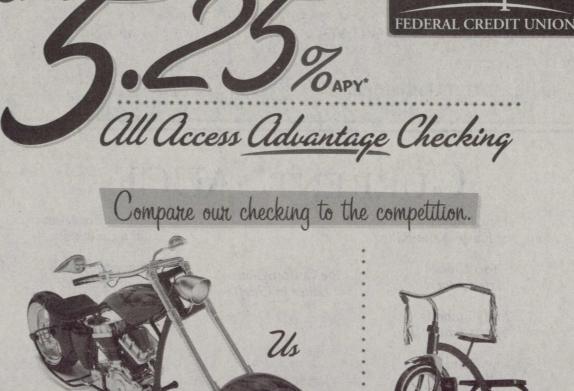
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Daniels, Brooks win SGA presidential ticket: New online voting system considered successful

David Royal News Editor

The student body elected Mark Daniels and his running mate, Patrick Brooks, on March 24 as its Student Government Association president and vice president for the upcoming academic year.

Daniels and Brooks beat their opposing candidates, Matthew Morrison and Ruth Wisher, by a total of 76 votes, according to SGA Adviser Yonna Pasch.

Daniels said he is obviously happy that the votes came out in his favor, but is now ready to move on.

"I'm just ready to put the election behind me and get to work for the students," he said.

Vice versa, Morrison said that, of course, he would have wished to have been elected as president, but added that he knows Daniels will do a good job as well.

Morrison said he and Wisher still plan to serve the SGA as senators next year.

Daniels said he looks forward to being able to continue to work with Morrison and Wisher.

"Matt put up a great race, and I'm glad he and Ruth will be staying with the senate," Daniels said.

set of candidates would have been a great selection for the SGA, so it was internal error, in which officials a win-win situation.

come of the election," Pasch said. said it was quickly resolved. "I have worked with all four candidates, and I could've worked with and vice presidential election, other any of them on the presidential level. issues were up for vote for the stu-I'm confident Mark and Patrick will bring SGA to the next level."

with the number of students who logged in and cast a vote in the stitution concerning the duties of the SGA's first major online voting sys-

Because this was the first time that a major election was held solely online – rather than in-person polls - Pasch said there was a little bit ecutive duties. of question on how the new system would work.

tive turnout," she said.

dents logged in and voted, which she strongly consider them for appointsaid is a significant increase in parment into the senate. ticipants. She said that most elections average only about 200 voters, ficially sworn into office on April 19 and the most up until last week was at 6:30 p.m. in the Ora G. Williams

only about 400 voters.

tem involved graduate students be-Pasch said she believes either ing unable to vote initially, she said.

Pasch said this was simply an forgot to manually permit graduate "I'm very pleased with the out- students the right to cast a vote, and

In addition to the presidential dent body. These issues included changes to the Media Board schol-Pasch added that she was happy arship system, the Student Activities Board constitution and the SGA convice president.

> All changes were approved by the student body.

> Daniels said he is looking forward to getting started with his ex-

Daniels said his first priority will be to ensure all the senate seats "It turned out to be a very posi- are filled next year. He said those interested in becoming a part of Pasch explained that 479 stu- SGA should talk to him, and he will

Daniels and Brooks will be of-TV studio. The ceremony is sched-The only kink in the online sys- uled to be recorded and televised.



Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce Journalism student Jeffrey Sholar (right) interviews newly elected SGA President Mark Daniels (center) and Vice

Kilcoyne receives top honor Abney named as new provost

Laurie Gentry

Sauce Reporter

argaret Kilcoyne, associate professor and director of business programs at NSU, was recently named the 2010 Outstanding Researcher by the Association of Business Communications-Southwest United States.

"Dr. Kilcoyne is very deserving of this award," said Begona Perez-Mira, a former NSU student. Now a visiting assistant professor in Computer Information Systems at the College of Business, Perez-Mira credits Kilcoyne as a success factor for students and the university.

"Her class in business communication was of great use to me as a student, and her continued research has been of great value to our department and representative of the best that NSU has to offer," she said.

The ABC-SWUS, a national leader in the advancement of business knowledge and practice, awarded Kilcoyne for her contributions to business communication studies.

"Having good communication skills is the top trait all employers desire," Kilcoyne said. "I feel my job is to prepare my students so they can enter the workforce successfully."

Currently focused on job skills sets, Kilcoyne researches what skills the American workforce needs, assesses university graduates' abilities to provide those skills and then helps develop curriculum and further research to improve graduate preparedness.

The Outstanding Researcher nomination, made by an ABC-SWUS member, required Kilcoyne to list all of her work of the last three



Photo by Gary Hardamon

Margaret Kilcoyne, director of business programs and associate professor at NSU, was named the 2010 Outstanding Researcher by the Association of Business Communications-Southwest United States.

She also had to list published research and proceedings within the accomplishments Kilcoyne has ensame time frame, including articles in "Journal of Research in Business Information," "International Journal of Business Disciplines" and "Delta 2005 award for Outstanding Doc-Pi Epsilon Journal."

Jerry Wall, dean of NSU's College of Business, and Donna H. Red-

years, including ten of her 40 con- mann of Louisiana State University ference presentations that she has were among a number of colleagues given on state and international lev- who recommended Kilcoyne be

> The honor is one in a long list of joyed throughout her 22-year career in higher education and research.

Past achievements include the toral Research from Delta Pi Epsilon and McGraw-Hill/Irwin's 2004 Distinguished Paper Award.

President Patrick Brooks (left) for NSU's "Demon Life" television segment.

David Royal News Editor

SU officials have named Lisa Abney as the university's new provost and vice president of

academic and student affairs. The search for the new provost, which lasted roughly eight months, was officially completed last week when the University of Louisiana System accepted NSU's recommendation of Abney for the job.

Abney is replacing Thomas Hanson, who stepped down to resume a teaching role, and has been serving as an interim provost and vice president since August.

Her appointment will become effective tomorrow.

"I'm really honored to have the chance to serve the students and university," Abney said. "It's a very exciting, but challenging job, and I'm happy to have the opportunity to continue to do my best in it."

NSU President Randall Webb said he is pleased the ULS approved his recommendation.

"[Abney] has served admirably in each of her positions at NSU," Webb said. "She is a fine scholar and has received a variety of honors. She has been a driving force in many projects here on campus."

Last month, the Provost Search Committee narrowed its list down from five candidates to two: Abney and Ihassan Alkadi, a professor from the University of Louisiana at La-

Webb said Alkadi was a good candidate, but said Abney's administrative experience set her apart.

"I thoroughly enjoyed interviewing [Alkadi], and I think he has extraordinary potential," Webb said.



Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce Lisa Abney, newly appointed provost and vice president of academic and student affairs, speaks with students in a forum.

Abney explained that now she knows she is officially provost and vice president, she is ready to pursue some larger projects that she was inion an interim basis.

involve establishing funding for fac- the university's retention rate, adulty research, future grant endeavors and ways to reformulate NSU's ing of tuition. identity in these trying times.

hold monthly student forums to gain a better understanding of what students are thinking and feeling and for students to learn how the university is operating and changing.

Yesterday, she held a student forum in the Friedman Student Union

Abney and the students in attendance primarily discussed how NSU and higher education is adjusttially hesitant to begin while serving ing to the state's implemented budget cuts. The discussion branched She said some of these projects off into various topics concerning mission requirements and increas-

She said she hopes more stu-Abney also said she hopes to dents will continue to come out to the monthly forums.

> Abney has been at NSU since 1997 and has served multiple roles, including dean of the College of Liberal Arts and head of the Department of Language and Communica-

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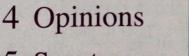
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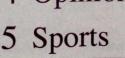
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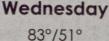
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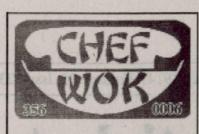












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NSU Folklife Center holds Cajun Zydeco concert

Tom Lawler Sauce Reporter

ot everyone could sit still last Wednesday evening while at the Creole and Zydeco Concert sponsored by the Louisiana Folklife Center.

Several couples rose out of their seats to dance a two-step to the music of Goldman Thibodeaux and Dancing Zydeco Joe from South Louisiana.

The Louisiana Folklife Center hosted the event in the Student Union Ballroom as a part of their NSU Folklife Concert Series.

The event was free admission to NSU students, faculty and staff and to the general public.

As the Cajun-Creole music swelled the ballroom, the importance of culture as a significant role in our lives became clear to some of the participants.

"Events like these folklore concerts are so important because they provide a window into which the students can see an aspect of our surrounding culture that they might be unfamiliar with," said Shane Rasmussen, director of the Louisiana Folklife Center said.

"Folklife is the un-mandated,

informed aspect of our society, which expresses our collective fears, hopes, traditions and beliefs.'

"That's what we are all about here, to preserve our Louisiana culture," southern studies and folk life graduate student Eugene Edwards

Only two members of the six man band were able to make it to the

Goldman Thibodeaux, Cajun musician and expert, has been playing Cajun music since he was 14

Thibodeaux said he started on the washboard and then picked up the accordion at the age of 40.

He is part of a family band that has been together, in some way or another, since 1946. The family band play on Friday

and Saturday nights and also on Sunday for afternoon dances. Thibodeaux has also played as far away as Minnesota and even

taught at Davis and Elkins College

in Elkins, West Virginia. Rasmussen commented that Thibodeaux and his band are the authority when it comes to Cajun-Creole Music and that they are about as internationally acclaimed as any

other Cajun band. "We are the only band that



Dancing Zydeco Joe (left), on the washboard, and Goldman Thibodeaux (right), singing and on the accordian, are playing cajun/creole music for the audience Wednesday night.

play this kind of music right now," Thibodeaux said.

Thibodeaux often spoke in Cajun French to his other band member, Zydeco Joe, and to the crowd as well. He would sit and tell the cheerful or mournful stories of the songs

or where the songs themselves came

There was an aspect of the blues genre in both the stories he told and the music he played.

He played to the memory of old friends and to the small towns that were mentioned in the songs.

Thibodeaux will return to Natchitoches again for the 31st annual Tradtional Remedies: Folklife During Times of Adversity NSU Folk Festival on July 16 and 17.

You can also see him at Jazz Fest in New Orleans on April 25 at the Jazz Festival.

· NSU International Chorale to arrive in Enland this sping

Sarah Cramer Staff Reporter

he NSU International Chorale is making their way to England during spring break to be a part of the international tour, "Culture and Cathedrals of Europe."

Twenty-nine students are traveling to England April 5-12 to perform at Canterbury Cathedral, Bath Abbey Cathedral, Ely's Cathedral and St. Paul's Church Covent Garden.

Conductor Burt Allen said this is something he and Christopher Gilliam, associate director and primary administrator, have been talking about doing for about a year.

They decided that taking a trip was something they just wanted to do, he said.

"A number of years ago we went and sang at Carnegie Hall, and I remember taking the entire choir and going into New York City on a bus, and...the excitement in the bus, the energy in the bus... that could've powered New York City for about a week," Allen said.

Allen said that traveling away from Natchitoches is "very expanding," and taking a trip to England will be great experience for the chorale members.

"For singers, England is a great

spot because the chorale singing there has been something that's gone on for hundreds and hundreds of years," Allen said.

"It's a nice opportunity for us to go over there and sample that culture a little bit, see where it was done, sing in the place where the composers worked."

Jamie Green, senior vocal performance major and one of the six featured soloists, will be leaving the country for the first time, and agrees that performing the English cathedrals will be a great experience.

"I think any experience that you can have singing in different venues than what you're used to is a good experience," Green said.

"The atmosphere is different, the way the sound carries is different. It really prepares you as a sing-

In addition to Green, five other student soloists will be featured. They include Kelsey Primeaux, junior music education major; Kayla Carlone, junior music education major; Laura Beth Shirey, junior music performance major; Renee Jessup, senior music education major; and Meagan Adams, sophomore music education major.

The soloists and the entire ensemble were chosen through audi-

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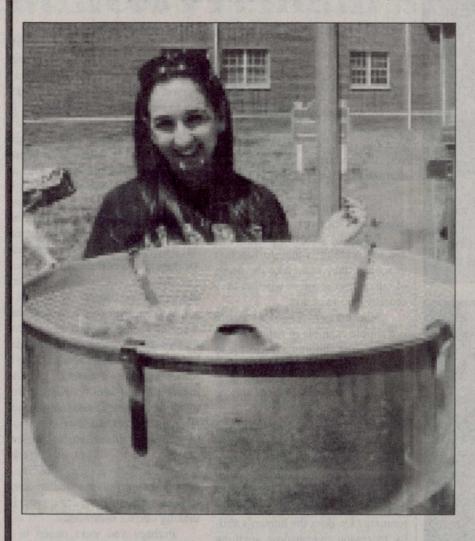
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Top Left: Student **Activities Board** member Meaghan Fouchex preparing to make cotton candies for students.

Top Right: Student shooting hoops on the inflatable basketball goals.

Bottom: Jorge Cantu and Professor **Larrie King drawing** charactertures for students.



Spring Fling 2010 deemed a success Happy Easter

NAACP hosts 2nd annual spring talent show

Chasity Taylor Sauce Reporter

TSU's student body enjoyed a moment in the spotlight on March 11 at a talent show hosted by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

The talent show started at 7 p.m. in Magale Recital Hall and ended at 9 p.m. It was the second annual talent show hosted by the organiza-

"Lots of hard work and preparation went into making this event to make it as great as the one that proceeded," junior business administration major Ronnie Washington said.

planning and coordinating of the Over".

dent of NSU's student chapter of the joy the performances. NAACP, but for that night stayed off in the shadows playing the public reations representative for the show.

The show consisted of 10 singing acts that were narrowed down from a three week period of audi-

The talent show started by reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance and tween acts where prizes were given show.

of the acts sang a song and the announcement of winners.

The winners are as follows, Sharonda Falcon was awarded first place, Jeremy Pryor second place and Christina Ashley third place.

"My main goal is giving reverence unto God and encouraging the people and if I win along the process I am definitely humble and grateful," first place winner junior business administration major Sharonda Falcon

Falcon was happy to have been on the stage sharing the word of God with the student body and she expressed that she saw her win as a gift from God.

She prepared for the show by seeking prayer from God, going to the rehearsals the NAACP provided and getting support from her mother as well as other family and friends. .

Her talent was singing a gospel "A lot of things went into the song by Karen Clark titled "Its Not

Students that attended the talent Washington is also the presi- show expressed that they really en-

> "I really enjoyed the entire show, but Sharonda's performance was my favorite," sophomore education Major Erica Thomas said. "I felt as though she was tak-

ing us to church with her beautiful Overall, the talent show had a

nice turn out and the NAACP met included brief intermissions in be- their goal of having a wonderful

The final performance was a A final performance where all song sang by everyone who performed in the talent show called "Lean on Me." The audience joined in and then the event was rendered complete.

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Successful future leader, created at NSU

Natalie Stewart Sauce Reporter

Tith his positive attitude and drive to be a leader and help other students have an enjoyable college experience, Eddie Higginbotham has become one of the most well known individuals

on Northwestern's campus.

Higginbotham is a senior health and human performance major from Jennings.

While in high school, Higginbotham was student body president, class president all four years, 'Mr. Jennings High School,' Student of the Year, Who's Who at JHS, class valedictorian, JHS prom king, Future Business Leaders of America president, LEO club president, and captain of his football team.

Higginbotham could be described as an "All-American." He is a genuine, easy-going person, and has achieved many honors and had much ... ccess throughout high school and college.

He chose to attend school at Northwestern because of the overwhelming recruitment efforts made

son they were recruiting," Higginbo-

tham said. "The faculty and staff were all

"I felt like I was the only per-

so nice and welcoming. Everywhere life long friends." I went on my tour there was someone with a smile, kind word, and extended an invitation to offer help."

from home."

In his four years at NSU, Higginbotham has taken on numerous leadership positions and received many honors, including Greek scholar of the year in 2009 and student leader of the year in 2009.

With all of his achievements and success. he said, came lessons that will remain with him throughout his life: "I've

learned so much at NSU. I have grown as a student and student leader, learned tons of valuable life lessons, learned how to work with different types of people, and gained

"I can't even put it into words how much I have grown and changed while at NSU, but the most im-"It was just the right size and just the portant thing that I have learned at

> NSU is to go through that change and growth stay true to myself,"

"This is something that I see - so many people lose their identity just to please others and attain 'fame' the that they so often cling to. I think a huge part of my success is that I did stay the same 'ole makes time for his social life. He Eddie - just with some added dom."

Being a part of SAB as well as being president, played a significant role in Higginbotham's success at NSU by opening doors allowing him to get involved on campus. Planning

events and talking to people on campus for interesting ideas helped him to obtain "valuable organizational event planning, and communication

"I feel like I was given the tools to succeed in my other endeavors because of SAB. It also gave me the opportunity to interact and build relationships with faculty and staff members," Higginbotham said. "I would definitely not be the student leader that I am without SAB."

With all of these experiences, achievements, and leadership positions, it is evident that Higginbotham has put forth a lot of hard work. Other students' around campus

admire and look up to Eddie for his hard work and dedication to the tasks that he takes on. "Eddie is an awesome person -

not only does he get his stuff done but he does it well and puts his best effort into it," said Doug Perry, Higginbotham's fraternity brother. "With h , busy schedule, he still

is an idol of mine, and I look up to him and aspire to be as successful at Northwestern as he has been." Motivation is the key to Higgin-

botham's success.

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Bittersweet reflections

Paul Randall Adams Staff Columnist

sigh, an uncomfortable pause and a sudden rush of tears were the only warning signs that four years of col-



lege were coming to an end. As I sat and watched the beauti-

ful things my friends were doing that signified the ends of their collegiate careers, I had to face the emotions that come with the end of an era.

It's easy to become comfortable here, with good friends around.

You laugh and joke, spend nights out with good friends and know that at any given time you can call any one of them and make plans. You know that your friends will

always be there. Until you reach this point in

your life. It's a sudden realization, a sudden halt in plans.

I had to come to realize, pretty immediately, that in a few more months, I won't have the people I've had for the past four years.

off on their own, without me, and I'll fall into the flow of teaching, wherever the winds lead me.

One day very soon, I will no longer have the people I've relied on for joy, for good memories. Very soon, they'll all be gone.

But it is hard to stay sad for long, when I think of the many amazing things all of the people I've grown so close to will be doing.

They'll go on to impress their professors in grad schools, to set the world on fire in their professions, and to raise beautiful, healthy fami-

And for that, I'm grateful.

But if I could do it all over again, I would make sure to spend more time with these people. I've come to realize that I, at some point, began taking my comrades for granted.

I began finding things that kept me busy, and blowing off my friends. Not purposefully, not maliciously, but I did it nonetheless.

I always operated under the assumption that we would just hang

Days turned into months and soon, we're all about to leave.

We all fall into that rut of saying we're too busy to spend time with those who love us, with those who need us. We all pretend that each one of us is the busiest person on earth.

Obviously, that's not true. We have time to sit and Facebook, to eat meals, to complain and whine.

We could devote just a minute of that time to our friends.

Soon enough, they'll be gone, and everybody will experience these separation anxieties that the graduating class is faced with.

Because soon there will be no more tomorrows to be had. Soon, your friends won't be there to ask if you will spend time with them.

I'm only grateful that graduation is the cause of this separation. That at least means there's a

chance I'll see everybody again. I'd rather that than miss my

friends because they're dead.

Make a concerted effort to appreciate your friends, and to show them just a bit of devotion every now and again.

You never know how quickly you'll lose them, for whatever rea-

Colloquium: On crime, part 4

Sara Mayeux

spent any time with a twoyear-old can tell you that humans are naturally self-

Guest Columnist



Two-year-olds care about their needs and their needs alone.

Typically, parents try to guide and teach children that, to function in society, they must take the needs of others into account, whether they actually care to or not.

Teaching two-year-olds to share is a simple example of nature versus nurture. The children's instinct is to get as much for themselves as possible, they are taught through their environment and caregivers to divide resources evenly.

In reference to crime, nature versus nurture takes a more serious path. Are people genetically or naturally bent toward becoming criminals? Is their behaviour completely determined by their formative environment? Or, does the human's ability to reason overshadow anything that they are taught or genetically determined to do?

If a person's behaviour is completely determined by his genetics, then it is impossible to punish that person, because he has no control over what he does.

If a person's behaviour is determined by his formative environment, then, if the person was brought up in a home and environment of illegality, it would appear that the person still has little control over his actions because his actions are determined by his perception of reality.

Of course, it is possible to do experiments to test whether nature or nurture has the most bearing on a person's behaviour, it is just not ethical to perform those experiments.

An example would be to take a child of two seasoned criminals and have it raised by an average family to see how the child behaves as an adult, to see if criminal behaviour is

Or, a child from an average family could be given to seasoned criminal parents to raise, to see if the environment drives the child to crime.

See, the problem with performing these experiments?

Anyone can see, however, that there is a component that is often thrown out of nature vs. nurture debates. That is, human reason.

Regardless of genetics (barring mental illness) or of upbringing, humans have reason, and are responsible for the actions they choose to take. Maybe your genetics do predispose you to violent or criminal behaviour. There are plenty of counselors and physicians and support systems available to assist you in making correct decisions.

Perhaps you were raised in a criminal environment. The criminal law is printed in books, and it tells you what not to do. If you can't read, I'm sure someone will be glad to

In my opinion, nature and nurture may both be factors, but it is your responsibility as a person to decide how you behave, and the resources exist to overcome any predetermining factors you may have.

Follow the rules. And stop making excuses. No one has power over your behaviour but you.

Opinionted Spirits: It's not like killing yourself

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

toward the prevention of drunk driving this week seemed informative and could



prove helpful for students, especially with the upcoming spring break.

I can think of no better time to enhance college students' awareness of the dangers of drunk driving and irresponsible drinking than before spring break since it is generally a period looked forward to by stu-

It is seen as an opportunity to relax from school work and enjoy the pleasures of alcohol to an excess.

The method to go about educating students should be looked at a little closer though.

The banners and signs posted around campus missed the message it should have been sending to students, particularly the banner located at the entrance of campus at the end of Second Street.

That banner, apparently meant to promote the events that took place on Monday and Tuesday, had a picture of a noose hanging with the words, "Drinking...it's like killing yourself," printed across it.

Smoking cigarettes continuously without stopping is like killing

Using hardcore drugs without stopping is like killing yourself. Actually using a noose, like the one pictured, properly is like killing yourself. Drinking is not.

If the banner was correct, then NSU should have posted banners all over campus that said, "Eating...it's like killing yourself."

The death rate in the United States caused from poor dieting is immensely higher than number of deaths caused by alcohol related in-

However, our culture's negative outlook on drinking has prevailed over logic once again.

Drinking irresponsibly can lead to death, as well as other activities done irresponsibly: eating, driving, flying, walking, fishing, sports, etc.

The list will seem as pointless and stupid as the banners on campus.

NSU also failed to realize that the entrance that banner was located at is the entrance used by buses and parents that bring their children to the elementary schools on campus.

I can only imagine a parent's re-

action when their child comes home and, after hiding all the rope in the house, begs his parents to stop killing themselves.

The message portrayed by such a banner will contribute to the negative outlook we as a culture have placed on drinking.

This will have two effects on those children. It will strike fear of alcohol in them, and it will place alcohol on that forbidden pedestal that will spark their interest later on in life. This is the problem we have with the message we send to children in our culture.

There are so many other slogans or catch phrases or simple sayings that could have been used to promote the alcohol-awareness events this week

Even something as simple as, "Irresponsible drinking can kill," could have sufficed.

As much as it discourages me to talk about the possibility of death with the enjoyable hobby of drinking, the fact that it is a result of a misuse of a good thing must be included in such advertisements.

Messages like the ones NSU demonstrated this week are appalling and completely disgusting, and they should be avoided by our culture at all costs.

The Music Junkie: The freewheelin' Bob Dylan

Zach McLendon Guest Columnist

hat can say about Bob Dylan?

With his poetic lyrics and everchanging sound. Dylan has touched

so many genres of music and is the epitome of a legend. But ever legend has their be-

ginning, and I've decided this week to take a listen to Bob Dylan's first album of original works, The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan. Released in May of 1963, the album was an instant success and even

earned Dylan the title "the voice of a generation.' Today The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan is considered a folk classic and was even ranked #96 in Rolling Stone magazine's list of the 500

greatest albums of all time. But is it really that good?

Well after a couple hours of listening I can say with out a shadow of a doubt that this album is amazing.

Lets take a look at the hits. It begins with the strong poetic opening "Blowin' in the Wind."

With its pursuit for peace and perfect marriage between lyrics and melody it is no wonder that this song

is considered a classic. "Girl From The North Country Fair" is another song that makes this album shine. A tale about lost love, its pleading lyrics are haunting at times and chock-full of beautiful im-

The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan also contains one of the greatest break-up songs to have ever been written on paper. With its optimistic lyrics about lovers parting, "Don't Think Twice, It's Alright" has the power to cure anybody's heartbreak.

Finally, there's the heart and soul of the album "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall."

This song is one of those rare occasions in music when one song

ing. "A Hard Rain's A-Gonna Fall's" vivid lyrics and steadfast guitar make it a grand feast for the ears.

It's folk gold. Even though the album if full of amazing moments, there are a few

makes a whole album worth own-

Songs such as "Down the Highway" and "Bob Dylan's Dream" are filled with improvised lyrics and scratchy guitar picking which make them enticing at first, but I always end up reaching for the skip button.

Also there are a few technical problems at times such as volume levels on the harmonica and the panning spectrums are sometimes weird. but after a while these problems become less noticeable and even give the album a unique sound.

Bottom line, I would recommend The Freewheelin' Bob Dylan to anyone who loves good acoustic

So next time you feel like going on a Sunday drive, pop this album in your CD player, sit back, and enjoy.



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Athletic Dept. helping Lady Demon tennis athletes remain students

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orthwestern State University's athletic department not only focuses on winning the big game, but also stresses academics with their student-athletes.

The department perfected a program that was developed three years ago that will help their studentathletes remain eligible for NCAA competition as well as graduate from

The Enhanced Academic Program was started in 2007 and each year, the program has been drastically vamped up.

"We try to make the program cater to our student-athletes," academic coordinator Carrie Crowell said. "I believe that the EAP program is now perfect for the kids."

The EAP was designed to help those student-athletes that come to college unprepared, Crowell explained.

The program's purpose is to guide student-athletes who are in need of additional academic support toward successfully achieving academic independence.

based on the NCAA's requirements cally measured," Crowell said. for all student-athletes to remain eligible, Crowell said.

Student-athletes that are incoming freshmen are evaluated by their high school grade point average and standardized test scores.

Returning students' enrollment strictly on the student-athletes' GPA.

"Non-freshman student-athletes are case by case," Crowell said. Someone can be academically independent but messed up in one class."

The program is broken down into two categories.

"About 55 or 60 students enroll into the program each semester and those kids are placed in either a red group or a yellow group," Crowell said. "The student-athletes that are in the red group meet with an EAP adviser weekly, and those that are in the yellow group meet."

Crowell described the meeting as brief, lasting no more than 30 minutes, and used to make objectives for each class the students have.

"Instead of having the kids read

have them highlight and outline a EAP's basic requirements are chapter because that can be physi-

> "If the students complete their objectives early, they will get an hour off of their study hall hours and if they fail to complete them, they will have an extra hour for study

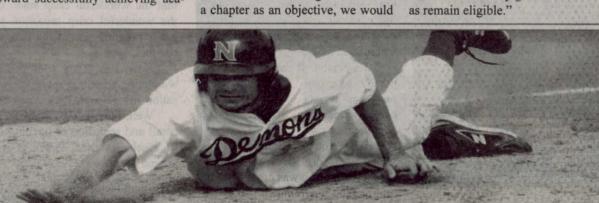
Last year, the EAP advisers creinto the program can't be based ated an award called the 'Trailblaz-

> It is given to the student-athlete that goes the extra step in academics.

> "Many of the kids don't come from the best backgrounds and quite often, sports play a big part in them going to college." Crowell said. "The Trailblazer award is given to those that not only try to get a degree, but to those that try to get it with all their ability."

> "Ultimately, we want to get those kids a diploma no matter how hard we have to work for it," academic coordinator Jodie Heinicka said. "Some students don't leave the EAP program and stay academically dependent, but that's fine."

"We will continue to help them and make sure they graduate as well



Demon starting pitcher Andrew Adams (1-2) took the loss to the Universty of Louisiana-Lafayette after he threw just 2-3 of an inning and allowed three runs on four hits. He was the first of eight NSU pitchers to play. The Demons fell to the Ragin Cajuns 8-1 on Tuesday.



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Courtesy of **Sports Information:**

Torthwestern State had no trouble holding onto its share of first in the Southland Conference women's tennis race Sunday, finishing off visiting Texas-San Antonio in under three hours by

The Lady Demons (12-1 overall) moved to 7-0 in league play in their last homecourt SLC match of

They have four to play away from home, including a visit to fellow SLC unbeaten Texas-Arlington April 10 to end the regular season.

Bianca Schulz posted a 6-1, 6-0 win in the No. 6 singles while Olga Bazhanova breezed 6-2, 6-0 at No. 1 and Andrea Nedorostova took the No. 5 match by the same score in the most one-sided singles contests Sun-

Adna Curukovic posted a 6-4, 6-1 win at No. 2 over Kavya Menon in the most competitive match on a blustery day at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

Kathrin Lange and Schulz had the most challenging doubles victory, an 8-4 triumph at No. 3.

NSU swept the doubles matches to improve to 34-2 this spring in doubles play.

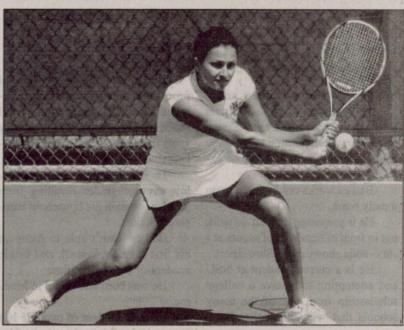
The Lady Demons visit in-state conference rivals Southeastern Louisiana and Nicholls next weekend, facing SLU next Friday and Nicholls on Saturday.

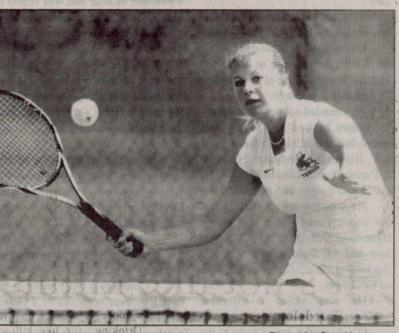
Continuing doubles dominance and quality depth in the lower half of the singles lineup carried Northwestern State over visiting Texas A&M-Corpus Christi Saturday in Southland Conference women's tennis, with hard-earned singles wins from Olga Bazhanova and Martina Rubesova polishing off a 6-1 triumph. NSU (11-1 overall) moved to

6-0 in conference play heading into its final home match in the league, a contest against Texas-San Antonio Sunday at 11 at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.

Texas A&M-Corpus Christi dipped to 7-9 overall, 3-5 in the con-

The Lady Demons swept the doubles matches to start the match with a point and to raise the team's overall doubles mark this spring to a sparkling 31-2.





Olga Bazhanova (top) and Andrea Nedorostova (bottom) are a huge part the reason the Lady Demon tennis team has an overall record of 11-1 and a 7-0 SLC record. The Lady Demon tennis team has won 10 straight matches.

was quickly settled as NSU rolled NSU's Martina Rubesova at No. 3 through the lower three singles singles after TAMCC's Bianca Dismatches, losing only six games com- cordia came back from losing the bined in wins at No. 4 by Kathrin first set 6-4 and prevailed 7-0 in a Lange (6-1, 6-0), No. 5 by Andrea Nedorostova (6-0, 6-0) and No. 6 by Bianca Schulz (6-3, 6-2).

entertaining battles. The Islanders' Doris Kuselj notched the only point

Olga Bazhanova posted a 7-6 na Cicak, and the day ended with month.

The outcome of the match a dominating 10-4 pro set win by second-set tiebreaker.

"We beat a really good team," said Lady Demons coach Patric Du-The top three singles were all Bois. "The match score could have been much closer."

After Sunday's match against for the visitors with a 4-6, 6-2, 10-8 UTSA, Northwestern will be on the comeback at No. 2 over Adna Curu- road for its last three league matches in early April.

A rained-out non-conference (7-1), 7-5 victory for the Lady Dematch against Louisiana-Lafayette mons in the No. 1 match over Mir- may be rescheduled at home next



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'Love and basketball'

Corey Taylor

Sauce Reporter

t's a quiet day on campus, and in Northwestern State's Wellness Recreation Awareness Center Courtney Blakes is attempting to sink 500 shots around the court before he exits the gym.

Blakes works out in the gym on a daily basis.

He is preparing himself to work out in front of hundreds of scouts at a state-wide showcase in Shreveport.

He is a current student at NSU and attempting to receive a college scholarship from one of the many schools that will attend the show-

This isn't the first time Blakes has attended a basketball showcase.

He received a scholarship from St. Katherine College in Kentucky last fall by excelling at a showcase he attended a year ago.

He attended school for a semester before he had to transfer back home due to death in his family.

Blakes is a graduate of Ouachiis 5'8 and weighs 165 pounds.

He was a standout point guard for coach Casey Jones and was a three-time All-District, All-Northeast and All-State selection in 5A, the largest classification in the state of Louisiana.

MVP senior season.

"I achieved a lot of feats at the high school level that I still admire to this day, but I believe that I can play college basketball for a school,"

Blakes was a big time Division I prospect and many schools were astounded with his ability to play point guard because he excels in so many spots for such a small player, in bas-

He was a good prospect, but below average grades resulting from problems within his household hampered Blakes.

Blakes wasn't able to focus on his first love, basketball, and tackle academics at the same time.

He was born and raised in Mon-

He is the oldest of two. He has a younger brother and was raised by his mother after multiple accounts of abuse between his mother and his fa-

"After a while, basketball just became a resort out of all the violence that was going on with me and my family. But it's still hard to come back to that on a daily basis," Blakes

An opportunity, or a second ta Parish High School in Monroe. He chance like this, is something that Blakes has been anticipating since he was invited to this showcase a couple months ago.

> He practices in the gym on campus every morning and evening attempting to get better.

"Courtney's work ethic is the He was voted co-offensive best I've ever seen out of a player, and I'm pretty sure he will play for a collegiate team in his near future." Casey Jones, Blakes, former high school coach, said.



The NSU Demon Dodgeball Team hosted its first Spring Dodgeball Tournament on Sunday. Nine teams made up of students, faculty and members of the community participated. NSU organizations that took part in the tournament included the Demon football team, Phi Mu Alpha fraternity, the Louisiana Scholars' College and NSU Theatre. Scholars' College won the tournament, followed by Team Cobras in second and Team Dragons in third.



nament hosted by the NSU Demon Dodgeball Team.

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Team Cobras compete against the Louisiana Scholars' College for the championship in the Spring Dodgeball Tour-

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1	Apr 1	FB	Spring Practice	3:00
	Apr 1	BSB	SHSU*	6:30 p.m.
1	Apr 2	WTEN	SELA*	11:00 a.m.
1	Apr 2	SB	UTA*	4:00 p.m.
1	Apr 2	BSB	SHSU*	6:30 p.m.
1	Apr 2	SB	UTA*	6:00 p.m.
1	Apr 3	WTEN	Nicholls *	10:00 a.m.
1	Apr 3	SB	UTA*	1:00 p.m.
	Apr 3	BSB	SHSU*	2:00 p.m.
1	Apr 6	BSB	ULL	6:30 p.m.
	Apr 8	WTEN	Texas State *	2:00 p.m.
	Apr 8	SB	TSU	4:00 p.m.
1	Apr 8	SB	TSU	6:00 p.m.
	Apr 9	BSB	Nicholls *	6:30 p.m.
	Apr 10	TRACK	Ty Terrell Relays	All Day
1	Apr 10	WTEN	UTA*	10:00 a.m.
	Apr 10	BSB	Nicholls *	3:00 p.m.
-	Apr 10	SB	SELA*	3:00 p.m.
1	Apr 10	SB	SELA*	5:00 p.m.
	Apr 11	SB	SELA*	12:00 p.m.
	Apr 11	BSB	Nicholls *	1:00 p.m.
-	Apr 13	FB	Spring Practice	3:00 p.m.
1	Apr 13	BSB	Jackson State	6:00 p.m.
-		WTEN	ULM	2:30 p.m.
	Apr 14	SB	ULM	6:00 p.m.
-	Apr 15	FB	Spring Practice	3:00 p.m.
	Apr 16	BSB	UTSA*	6:30 p.m.
-	Apr 17	TRACK	LSU Alumni Gold	All Day
	Apr 17	FB	Scrimmage	9:00 a.m.
	Apr 17	SB	UCA*	2:00 p.m.
-	Apr 17	BSB	UTSA*	2:00 p.m.
-	Apr 17	SB	UCA*	4:00 p.m.
-	Apr 18	SB	UCA*	12:00 p.m.
	Apr 18	BSB	UTSA*	1:00 p.m.
-	Apr 20	FB	Spring Practice	3:00 p.m.
	Apr 20	BSB	LSU	6:00 p.m.
	Apr 21	FB	Spring Practice	6:00 a.m.
	Apr 21	BSB	LSU	6:30 p.m.
	Apr 21	SB	CENTENARY	6:00 p.m.
	Apr 22	FB	Joe Delaney Bowl	6:00 p.m.
	Apr 24	TRACK	101st Drake Relays	All Day
111111	Apr 23	BSB	Texas State *	6:30 p.m.
	Apr 23	WTEN	SLC Tournament	TBA
	Apr 24	BSB	Texas State *	2:00 p.m.
	Apr 24	SB	NICHOLLS *	2:00 p.m.
	Apr 24	SB	NICHOLLS *	4:00 p.m.
	Apr 24	WTEN	SLC Tournament	TBA
	Apr 25	BSB	Texas State *	1:00 p.m.
-	Apr 25		NICHOLLS *	1:00 p.m.
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with **Bull:** new start



Andy Bullard Sports Editor

eryone that reads this to stop and put down the paper

for a minute, and just take in a big deep breath of spring.

Go ahead, I'll wait.

Now after you have sucked up as much of the spring air as you can handle, exhale slowly.

Now, if you started hacking up flem and other things that go along with hay fever, I feel your pain, but get past that.

Now if you need to do it again, by all means take another deep

The point I'm trying to get to is that the wonderful crisp smell and the wonderful crisp sensation you get is possibly one of the best you can feel, ever.

Now, I'm pretty sure you are wondering what that smell and sensation you get actually is.

Well, let me tell you that's the smell and sensation of opening day of baseball season, which is right around the corner.

No matter what you say, everyone cares about the first week of baseball.

The reason everyone cares is because the first week of baseball is truly the only pure week of baseball that will be played all year.

I say that because in the first week of every new baseball season, it brings us all back to our backyards as little kids.

You all know the scenario: 8-5 in the bottom of the ninth, bases loaded, three ball and two strikes and you're at the plate. Then all of a sudden whammo, you crush the game winning grand slam out of the park and you feel like a hero.

That's what the first week of baseball does, to everyone, young

Oh, also another reason it's so great is no one talks about steroids.

If someone hits a homerun in the first week, it's not put under a microscope if that person was on 'roids or not.

everyone can explode with merriment that their team hit a home run.

It is just taken as a home run and

As much as I love the game of baseball, there is nothing quite like the first week.

Not even the playoffs or World Series is as amazing as the first

There is just something to knowing that if you are a fan of the Pirates or the Royals or even the Yankees and Red Sox for that matter, on opening day, your team has a chance, because on opening day everyone is tied.

I'm sure by now, anyone that has ever read my column knows that I am a die hard football fan.

I think it's the greatest game in the world, but even in my football laden heart, opening day has a special place that no football game can take the place of.

The only sad part about opening day is that it has to end.

It has to go back to the dog days of summer where baseball is the only sport being played, and the only thing you hear on the TV is, this person is doing steriods and that person is doing steriods.

Then you have the whole situation of your team is out of the race for the playoffs and it's only just the All-Star break.

It's because of those things that make baseball tedious that are the exact same things that make opening day of baseball one of the best things Northwestern State University

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GRAD Act introduced to legislature: Tuition increases could result if passed

Sarah Cramer Staff Reporter

T SU will possibly be raising its tuition by 10 percent each year under a proposal created by Gov. Bobby Jindal.

The Louisiana Granting Resources and Autonomy for Diplomas Act, or the LA GRAD Act, was officially introduced by House Speaker Jim Tucker last month, and will allow Louisiana universities to increase their tuition without the approval of the state legislature.

"If that passes, then that gives us a source of revenue, which unfortunately will increase tuition on the students," said Carl Jones, vice president for business affairs and controller.

Director of the News Bureau David West said that students enrolled in Louisiana universities pay ly help students continue to graduate Talk. about 60 percent less in tuition than on time. students at other universities in the

other Louisiana universities the opportunity to eventually catch up to of controlling its own tuition. other higher education schools in the

With the extreme cut to higher said. education's budget, it is predicted that some cuts in education programs and courses could be a result. of the GRAD Act could potentially help offset these cuts. He added that the exact figures have not yet been have to increase admission require-

"The important thing is, the students will benefit," Jones said. "It'll stop the reduction of services to the students that may be impacted by budget cuts."

Under the GRAD Act, the university will have to meet certain cri-The act will give NSU and the teria set by the Louisiana Board of will only keep a larger percentage Regents in return for the flexibility

> "A lot of the provisions are things we're already doing," West

These provisions are things like increasing distance and electronic learning and decreasing the gap be-Jones said, however, that the effects tween graduating minority and majority students. West said.

> Additionally, universities will Crain agreed with Cedars. ments, according to The Town Talk.

Jindal's plan is that, ultimately, performance at the universities will improve and graduation rates will be higher, allowing Louisiana university graduates to find high-paying jobs He added that this will hopeful— in the state, according to the Town—be voted on by the state legislature.

The proposal has not been accepted by NSU students, however.

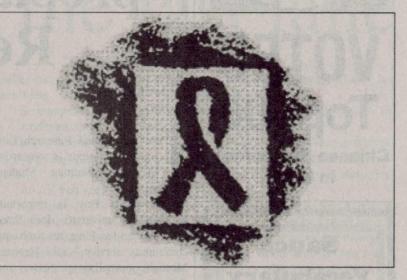
"I think that increasing tuition of people from earning college degrees," said Taylor Cedars, junior business administration major.

"Low tuition is one reason why people choose to go to college in Louisiana. Gov. Jindal should look to other programs for fixing the budgets crisis, and leave education

Senior journalism major Charles

"It seems a little excessive just to compete with other southern universities," said Crain. "I don't know about anyone else, but my tuition is higher than it's ever been, and now we'll be required to pay more?"

The proposal is still waiting to



AIDS/HIV center provides local service

Andrew Bordelon

Staff Reporter

In less than a year after opening, the Philadelphia Center for HIV/AIDS resources in northern Louisiana is running full-time in Natchitoches.

The new location is located in the heart of downtown Natchitoches and is currently working on building its client base to serve local and surrounding residents.

The new resource center provides free testing for HIV/AIDS using a mouth swab test that produces results in 20 minutes. There is also free information concerning the prevention and treatments offered for patients with HIV/AIDS.

All services provided remain completely confidential and can even be done anonymously on the part of the patient.

fers case management for patients.

services to help them manage their lives with the illness," Clinical Director Aaron Edwards said.

residents in or around the Natchitoches area that were diagnosed with outpatient substance abuse treat-HIV/AIDS.

Also, a problem experienced by many patients and clients of the Philadelphia Center was the hassle of having to travel to Shreveport to get the treatment and/or counseling offered, Edwards said.

The Natchitoches office, which is located on Touline Street, is in the process of transferring local and surrounding cases to the clinic in order to help make that process easier

Edwards and Sabina Strat, case manager and prevention coordinator for the Natchitoches Philadelphia Center, are beginning to spread the word with outreach programs and build a client base.

Edwards said the local clinic is working on being able to provide for clients' medical needs in Natchitoches instead of still making patients travel to Shreveport to get

Several local doctors will un-The Philadelphia Center also of- dergo special training to help HIV/ AIDS patients to help make up for "We basically set them up to the lack of medical specialists in Natchitoches who are trained in that particular field.

The Philadelphia Center is Edwards said there were 180 sharing its venue with Discovery Works, which provides an intensive ment program.

Student Alumni Association recognized as best organization

David Royal News Editor

Sarah Cramer Staff Reporter

fter being on campus just one A year, the Student Alumni Association received the award for "Best Student Organization" at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education con-

ference last week. The SAA won the award in the Southwest District IV, which includes Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mexico, New Mexico and Oklahoma, after they submitted a packet of the work they had done within the

Assistant Director of Alumni and Development Amy Werner said she is proud of the award the SAA received.

"It's actually the very first CASE award that NSU has every won," Werner said. "So we're really proud of the organization, and we're glad that if we're going to win one it was for the SAA.' SAA President Paul Shelton

said he was not expecting his organization to win the award, but added he was pleased nonetheless.

"It really was kind of a suron a whim."

Cody Bourque, senior journalism major, helped start the SAA when he was SGA President during the 2008-2009 school year.

"I think it's well deserving," Bourque said. "It's a very wellrounded group.

"They're really passionate about the university and what their mission is. The praise is definitely deserving."

Bourque brought the idea of a student alumni organization to the NSU Foundation during his first foundation meeting as president.

"I wanted to have some kind of engagement with the student body to the alumni association," he said. "[It's] mainly to get a connection for students to have with alumni for net-



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Pictured above: The NSU Student Alumni Association and the participants of of its Youth Leadership Camp. The camp that was held last semester was one of the events that helped the SAA be awarded the "Best Student Organiprise," Shelton said. "We entered in zation" at the Council for Advancement and Support of Education last week

working possibilities, and also cultivate this affinity for the university.

"If you love your time here, and you feel really connected with the university, you're more likely to participate in alumni activities later on down the road."

Werner agreed that the student organization is important to get graduates to participate as alumni.

"A lot of universities have a real hard time engaging their younger alumni," Werner said.

We're hoping that with the student alumni group, their experiences with SAA will allow them, as soon as they graduate, be ready to jump and take part in a chapter wherever

Since the organization officially began in the spring 2009 semester, more than 260 members have joined.

The organization strives to get students connected with alumni to give students the opportunity to network and get professional advice.

Shelton said he is extremely proud of the success SAA has had in its short existence - particularly in becoming the largest student organization on campus.

He said he felt another shining point in the past year would be the organization's Youth Leadership Camp that took place last semester.

The camp was open to students in kindergarten through eighth grade and consisted of members of SAA

working with the participants with leadership building activities.

About 50 children attended the camp, Shelton said.

Shelton explained that the next biggest goal for SAA is to get more involvement from current NSU students and to form more active committees, similar to the Student Activities Board.

In order to get students involved, the SAA hosts several events

The organization has also hosted the "Fais-Do-Do" in the Alumni Plaza, which featured food, drinks and Cajun music, the Welcome Back Block Party on move-in day and tailgating at the football games.

Kappa Sigma still awaits probation lift

Andrew Bordelon

Staff Reporter

he Theta Mu chapter Kappa Sigma Fraternity is currently waiting for the final word from the fraternity's national office that the chapter will be taken off of alcohol probation.

The probation is a result of members of the NSU chapter using fraternity funds to purchase a keg of alcohol last semester. The Internal Board of Directors of Kappa Sigma Fraternity investigated and ruled in January that the chapter's actions were a violation of the fraternity's code of conduct.

Dakota Byrd, the Theta Mu chapter president, is confident the chapter will be taken off probation raise over \$1000 in support of the before the end of the semester.

approval from nationals," Byrd said. The chapter held its final work-

"We're waiting for the official

of them by the national office.

"They've met all of the requirements to remove the sanction," said Steven Horton, chapter advisor.

The Special Executive Council, a national committee for Kappa Sigma, meets weekly to review cases like the Theta Mu chapter's infraction of purchasing alcohol with chapter funds.

Theta Mu is expecting an official letter from the national office anytime now to remove the sanction placed on the chapter as a result of the infraction, Horton said.

The chapter has been working to help support its philanthropy and other fundraisers needed in the past few months.

Members of Theta Mu helped Haiti relief effort this spring, and the chapter is currently planning a volleyball tournament to raise money in support of a local Natchishop last month, which was required toches resident's chemotherapy.

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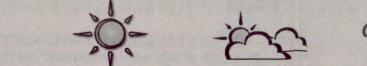
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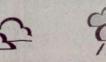
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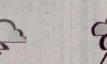
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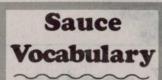






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Cordial · \KOR-jul\ adjective

1 : tending to revive, cheer, or invigorate

2 a : sincerely or deeply felt * b : warmly and genially affable

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Students and faculty prepare to present at Research Day

Taylor Graves
Staff Reporter

The 23rd annual Research Day on NSU campus is tomorrow in the Friedman Student Union.

"Research Day is important because the university does three main things: teaching, research and community service," said Hesham Mesbah, journalism professor and presenter.

"This is a way for the faculty to share their research and students to attend an academic gathering."

Mesbah's session will focus on ethics in broadcast journalism.

Sessions will be held in four meeting rooms in the Student Union from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Students and professors will give presentations on research projects they have done throughout the year.

Everything from basic research to advanced research will be discussed in the sessions.

Nikki Reynolds, a senior journalism major, was chosen to present her research on cell phone usage in a college setting.

"I'm nervous, but also excited, that someone might be interested in my research and expand on it," Reynolds said.

Students from various majors are giving presentations about re-



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search focused on college students, ethics, the arts and more.

The keynote speaker is John Bickle, head of the Philosophy and Religion department at Mississippi State University.

He will speak on the relation between the brain and behavior, and focus on neuroscience research to explain behavior actions.

Bickle speaks at 5 p.m. after the award ceremonies. Awards for the most outstanding graduate and undergraduate student research will be presented at the end of the day.

The NSU chapter of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society sponsors the award ceremony while the NSU Research Council sponsors Research Day.

Many students are expected to attend Research Day either for class,

support for their fellow students or out of pure interest in research and

"A student in my philosophy class is presenting about how his research on specific artist has influenced his own artwork," Becca Brown, junior theatre major, said.

"I'm always interested in seeing and supporting the arts, especially that of my peers. So, I'm excited to see how all of his work and research has come together." But no matter the reason for attending, Research Day will be full of academic learning for everyone.

"Education is not just about sitting in class and doing assignments," Mesbah said. "It's about interacting with your professors and your peers, and Research Day will be a good place to do that."

CAPA excels in chamber genre themed recital

Shantell Huricks

Sauce Reporter

n Evening of Chamber Music," was presented by six of NSU's talented faculty members on Wednesday March 31, in Magale Recital Hall.

The recital featured Dennette McDermott on flute, Paul Forsyth on soprano saxophone, Malena McLaren on clarinet, Kristine Coreil on horn, Douglas Bakenhus on bassoon and Francis Yang on piano.

All of the professors are a part of the Mrs. H.D. Dear, SR and Alice Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts program located in the NSU College of Liberal Arts.

Works by classical composers Gioachino Rossini, Jacques Ibert, Nikolai Rimsky-Korsav and Francis

Poulence were performed.

"The faculty and I put this recital together," Coreil said. "It's music that we like."

Though they performed the original arrangements, they did make one change.

A soprano saxophone replaced the oboe in Ibert's "Trois Pieces Breves" and in Poulenc's "Sextour."

The Mrs. H.D. Dear, SR and Alice Dear School of Creative and Performing Arts does not have an

oboe instructor, so they asked Paul Forsyth to play.

"We don't think anyone in the world has ever done this," McDermott said

Addmissions were free and open to the NSU students as well as the Natchitcohes community.

Many came out to the recital and everyone had their reasons, whether it was for a class or simply for the love of music.

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Mary Bet Maggio, a student at the Louisiana School for Math, Science, and the Arts, attended the recital for class and thought it was "really

good."

Even though Maggio enjoyed the whole performance, Rimsky-Korsakov's Quintet in B-Flat was her favorite. She loves the key.

"It's so pretty," Maggio said.

Marvin Gistarb, a twenty year
old resident of Cloutierville, Louisiana attended because of his love of

Gistarb has a love for the piano and was amazed at Francis Yang's endowment.

The faculty was delighted to present these works to students, faculty and friends.

"Music helps people recognize what it means to be human," Bakenhus said.

Congratulations to this year's Argus Contest Winners!

Poetry

First Place: Winged Prayer – Jeff McAlpin | Second Place: Just the Facts M'am – Gabriel Guillory | Third Place: Prey – Kristina McBride | Honorable Mention: Parka – Kristina McBride | Honorable Mention: Cancer – Randall Frederick

Prose

First Place: The Collected Letters of Reggie P. Zephyr – Andrew Shirley Second Place: Three Days at Stonewash Creek – Andrew Shirley Third Place: The Truth About Fairytales – Randall Sullivan

Visual Arts

First Place: Distribution – Jeremy Jones | Second Place: "Untitled" – Mary Squyres | Third Place: Caught in the Moment – Kali Davenport Honorable Mention: Weller's Barn and the Cloudy Day – Jeremy Jones

Weekly Recipe

Chicken parmesan

Ingredients

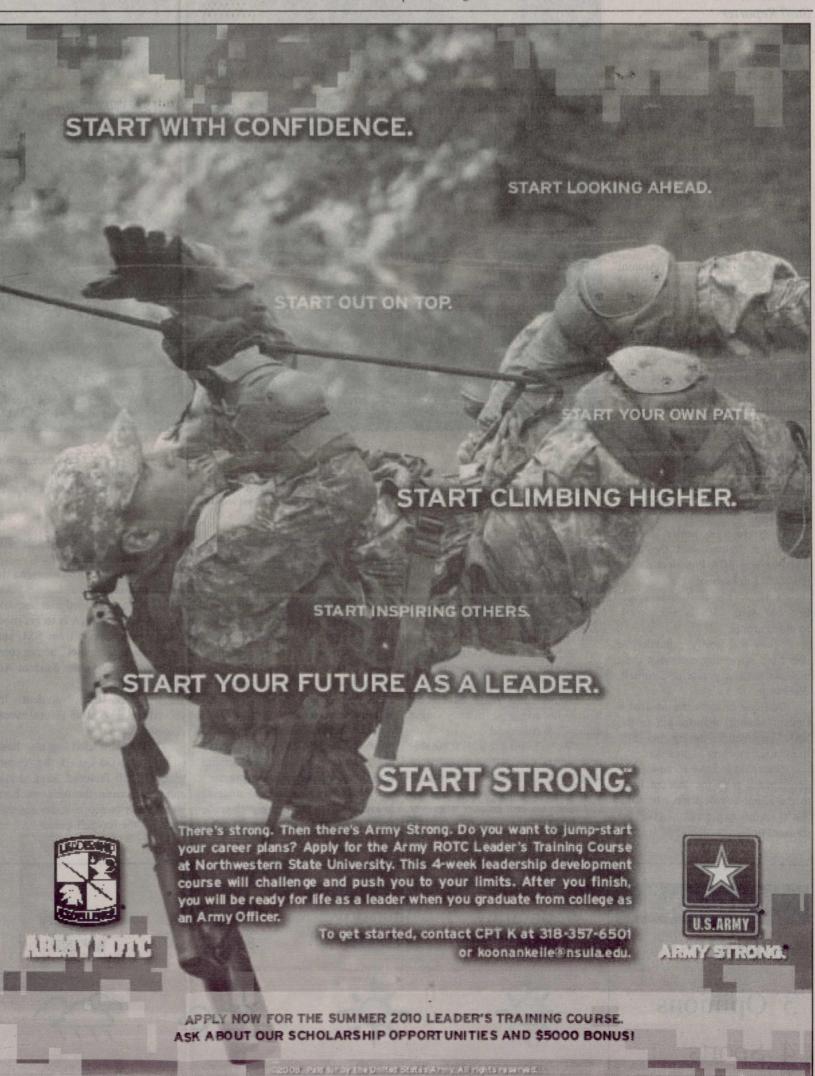
1 chicken breast, 4 cheese crackers, grated parmesan cheese, pepper, 1 egg and a little oil

Method

1) crush the cheese crackers in a bag with a rolling pin and transfer to a bowl, add in a generous amount of parmesan cheese and a good shaking of pepper. 2) crack the egg in to a separate bowl and

whisk up. 3) cut the chicken breast in half (as if butterflying it but all the way through). 4) dip the chicken in the egg then in the crushed crackers. 5) fry in a frying pan with a little oil until the chicken is cooked thoroughly. 6) enjoy served with potato wedges and salad!

Courtesy of www.studentrecipes.com/recipes



Half the Battle:

Heavyweight champions

Joe Cunningham Editor in chief

day, Kentucky Fried Chicken, a restaurant known for its mascot, Col. Sand-

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introduced a food that was probably what killed the old man the new "Double Down."

Fair warning, though: the following description may not be suitable for people with weak constitu-

Two deep-fried chicken breasts (there is a grilled version, but you're already at the gates of Hell, so why bother?). Bacon. Cheese. The colonel's "secret sauce" (essentially, spicy mayo).

It is advertised as being too much for a bun.

Not that you need the carbs, mind you. You're going to die, any-

fingers on your neck and feel for a pulse. Some of you might not have hour.

This kind of meal supports my long-running theory that all fast food corporations are truly out to get us.

This can't possibly appear anywhere in the spectrum of rational

Not a soul in the galaxy can see this recipe and think to themselves, "Oh boy! What a terrific idea!"

I saw a picture of the sandwich and felt nauseous. I couldn't imagine don't feel well).

what it would feel like if I ate one.

Now, I am no tiny, woodland pixie. I have some size to me, but I have tried to live a healthy lifestyle in recent months.

Giving up fast food for Lent was a terrific idea. I lost weight and I saved money I didn't know I had.

This was my re-introduction to the fast food world (for science, of course).

I felt, sitting in that drive-thru line, what I imagine a young man feels his first time in an adult store.

"Is this a good idea? Am I a bad person? Am I going to get shot? Can they see through my disguise (big glasses, fake nose and moustache)?"

Luckily, I wasn't shot or recog-

I paid for my small paperwrapped triple-bypass, drove away, and sat in my office staring at this monstrosity.

I couldn't eat this in public. I

I pulled the Double Down out You now need to place two of the bag and unwrapped it. I stared at it for what must have been for an

> This had to be done carefully, because I didn't own a defibrillator (I do now).

> I raised the sandwich to my mouth after hitting the "Send" button on my phone, calling David Royal, who was in the next room.

> > I took a bite.

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Middle Child POV: Life in the fast lane

Paul Randall Adams Staff Columnist

Move to

Leave room for people to pass on the left.

This was a recurring theme on the escalators as I made my descent into the Underground in London.

The Underground is the portal to London's version of the subway system, the Tubes.

It seems that of the almost 8 million people in London, at any given time, 4 million of them are beneath the metropolis, navigating an entire city's worth of space in which lies the Underground.

The underground system is intricate, mapped out, well planned, and busier than anybody can imag-

One has to learn which train to take westbound or eastbound, how many stops they need to pass before

One has to figure out which train connects with which t take them to their destination, and just how much earlier they need to leave so that they aren't late.

So many things to worry about. And then, there's the fast lane.

It's incomprehensible how so many tiny people can move so quickly.

And if you are not standing on the right side of the escalator, you will be run over. If you stand in their way, they will push you, poke you, or squeeze past you.

On the bright side, you may be fortunate enough to be met with those who merely ask you, ever so politely, to "move over." And they're not being rude.

Not in the least. It's just that you have interrupted their flow, their routine. And as a visitor to their routine, one cannot expect to be a welcomed interruption.

Nonetheless, you are presented with two options, either move over, and watch as the entire world passes you by, or get in the fast lane and run like hell.

But that's it.

You're either going to watch as the world passes you by, or you're going to have to struggle to keep up with those around you.

Neither option seems particularly pleasant.

But unfortunately, that's just how life works.

In life, you're faced with the same two options.

Run like hell to change with the world, or stand by and watch everything and everybody pull away from

Today, we're no longer provided with that verse by Robert Frost.

Two roads no longer diverge in a vellow wood, and we don't have the choice of the beaten path or the less traveled.

Today, just as many people are pushing forward as are sitting back and watching.

Today, two roads diverge on a dirty, crowded escalator.

Either you can run past all those who lag, and complain about the sore calves and the worn out shoes, or you can wait in line and get pushed around as the world rushes by.

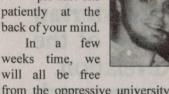
So which one do you pick? Which is the lesser of two evils?

Do you want to be sore from the running, but be the one to help the world change, or do you want to arrive two minutes to late, and always know that the world is changing, and you will witness the change only after the next change has begun to take

ummertime manifesto

Tom Lawler Guest Columnist

s you read this, a simpatiently at the back of your mind. weeks time, we



from the oppressive university, triumph over deadlines and break the shackles of our academic regime.

We, the students who have one more year's worth of education to our mind's credit, will return from where we came and more importantly to our more natural states.

No longer shall we be considered victims to our own education.

But rest assured that I have a solution to ease the burden from our scholarly chores.

We will soon be unable to focus and sit still.

Instead of watching the little task. strings of intellectual dexterity and educational concerns slowly unravpopped apart, go ahead and untie the inner personal discovery. rope of academic formalities.

as float along the river of relaxation and recreation.

man, once said "you can learn more about a person in an hour of play than in a year of conversation." Perhaps Plato understood the value of recreation to human nature.

Playing gives us time and the ability to be authentic.

Even the word creation appears This synthesis of imagination,

desire and action sets in motion the originality to our own character and ultimately our selves.

I choose recreation of liberties over the regurgitation of mindless facts and the reiteration of mundane

I am willing to change the monotony (that I pay for with my tuel to solitary strands waiting to be ition and fees!) into creativity and

I seek to enjoy my freedom This, in turn will set you adrift through any means necessary, even if by civil disobedience.

Henry David Thoreau, still Plato, a far greater and wiser wiser than I, stated, "Disobedience is the true foundation of liberty. The obedient must be slaves."

I pray that those of you whose ears have heard my words will no longer be slaves.

I pray that you rise up against what you have been doing since August and begin to do what you would

Your mind is perhaps already in a 'summer time' disposition and believe me my brothers and sisters, the living's easy. You have a summer to gain, so students of Northwestern

And enjoy an early summer.

Opinionated Spirits: Expanding horizons

Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist

beer and cheap liquor, usually vodka, whiskey, or what-

ever is available in the parents' liquor

cabinet or older siblings closet, marked the beginning stages of many people's drink-

Some started this journey in the early years of high school while others chose to wait until the start of

Either way, after those first few sips, that first bitter-mouthed face quenching at the taste and that first time you have to grab the counter because you can't explain the lightheaded feeling you have and your general lack of coordination, you begin a journey of development that will develop your drinking style and choice of drink for years to come.

For some, the development of their drinking habits is caused by

Those party oriented friends who try to push people to excessive

partying in college sometimes mere- journey is to begin branching off ly continue the patterns of drinking from high school.

tunity in college to begin an educational journey of drinking.

The struggling times of high school when one who wanted to drink could only partake in what was available to him are over.

Now, it's time to expand horizons and the limits of your liver.

People will obviously start out college using some of the same methods they were comfortable with in high school.

Just like how one might start college studying like he did before, he is likely to drink the same alcohol he did before if he drank in high

The smell of light beer and sweet-flavored vodka drinks consumes the aroma at the bar over the first few weeks of a fall semester.

After we get used to our surroundings, maybe find a favorite bar or finally find a reliable friend who's over 21; it's time to experiment.

There's a whole world of alcohol out there just waiting to take the place of our sobriety.

The easiest way to start this

from what you're used to.

For beer drinkers, the best way However, we have the oppor- to experiment is by trying other flavors of beer made by your preferred brewery.

If Bud Light is your all time favorite, then try adding a little lime or wheat one day. Eventually you can begin trying imports and microbrew-

It works the same way with li-

The point of all of this experimentation is because it not only broadens your knowledge about different kinds of alcohol, but it also raises your appreciation for it.

Kissing that red Dixie cup every weekend can be fun for a while, but filling a crystal clear glass with a cold, crisp and uniquely colored drink is more enjoyable.

Instead of having your parents see pictures of your college experience consumed with plastic cups, kegs or drinking games, enlighten them with a new drink next time they inquire about your social life.

A good drink enjoyed with close friends and family will taste better than one consumed in a drinking game on any day.

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Tennis wins Southland

Jimmie Walker Staff Reporter

ophomore transfer Martina Rubesova's backhand proved to be useful as she provided the Lady Demons tennis team with a singles win to crown them as 2010's Southland conference women's tennis champions Saturday.

Rubesova defeated Texas-Arlington, a team that is composed of six returning starters from the 2009 team that won the SLC championship a year ago.

"This was a real dogfight, just great stuff to watch, really good tennis. Our teams were very evenly matched and this could easily have gone the other way," coach Patric DuBois said. "Nothing came easily today. I'm tremendously proud of the girls because they've worked relentlessly and unselfishly, all nine on our team, toward reaching this milestone.'

This is the first conference championship for NSU since 1994 and the third title in the program's history. It was also the first time any NSU team won a SLC championship since the men's basketball team won it in 2006.

NSU finished league play with an unblemished record of 11-0 and

an overall record of 16-1.

The Lady Demons also saw success in doubles Saturday. The team moved to 45-3 overall and 31-2 in conference play.

won 9-7 in the N0. 1 slot to tie everything up at 1-1.

UTA took the No. 3 slot with an 8-5 win the pivotal match at No. 2 went NSU's way when Nedorostova and Rubesova came back from a 5-2 deficit to give the Lady Demons the doubles point.

the doubles point and so for us to win it was a big boost, a huge momentum builder," said DuBois. "We put great emphasis on getting that doubles point and we've been awfully successful this season."

In the No. 6 singles, Bianca Schulz posted a 6-3, 6-3 victory to make 2-0 in favor of NSU.

Bazhanova increased the lead to 3-0 but UTA fought back. The Lady Mav's Daiana Negre-

anu defeated Nedorostova 6-4, 7-5 in the NO. 5 singles to draw UTA is a non-conference visit to Louisiwithin two.

In the NO. 5 contest, Rubesova remained unbeaten and earned the championship point as she defeated Katarina Mlcochova 46, 6-3, 6-4.

"We've worked hard to achieve three goals we set at the start of the year," DuBois said. "We wanted to be nationally ranked (NSU was as high as No. 64 last month in the In-Sophomore Olga Bazhanova tercollegiate Tennis Association's and freshman Andrea Nedorostova top 75), we wanted to win the conference championship, and we wanted to win the conference tournament and go to the NCAA Tournament.

"We've done two of the three and now have the opportunity to get to the NCAAs."

The Lady Demons were third in the SLC each of the past two years "It came down to that match for and reached the conference tournament semifinals both seasons under DuBois, who spent the first five seasons of his career (1990-94) at NSU, leading the Lady Demons to the 1994 Southland crown before moving to UTA as men's coach.

He took over the women's program as well in 1997 and won four SLC titles for UTA from 1999-2002, before leaving coaching for four seasons and taking the NSU helm again for the 2007 season.

The Lady Demons' next match ana-Monroe.

After that, NSU is scheduled to compete against Louisiana-Lafayette Friday at 4:30 at the Jack Fisher Tennis Complex.



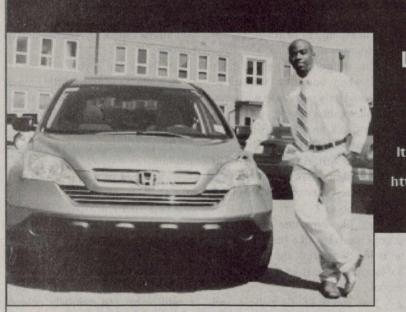
Photo by Gary Hardamon

The Lady Demon tennis team won the 2010 Southland Conference Tournament aganist the University of Texas-Arlington Lady Mavs, by the score of six matches to one. NSU has no seniors while Curukovic, Lange and Schulz are juniors in the lineup, with sophomores Bazhanova and Rubesova and the freshman Nedorostova rounding out the regular six. Also on the squad are junior Dragana Colic, sophomore Suncica Strkic and freshman Lauren Peters.

Lady Demon Basketball

Northwestern State Lady Demon senior basketball players Anna Cate Williams and Lyndzee Greene have been named to the 2009-10 Capital One Bank/Southland Conference Women's Basketball All-Academic First Team.

Williams, a native of Many, is a CoSIDA District VI All-Academic selection and earned an automatic spot on the team. She is a health and physical education major with a 3.84 GPA. Greene, a native of Dry Creek, holds a 3.74 GPA in hospitality management and tourism.



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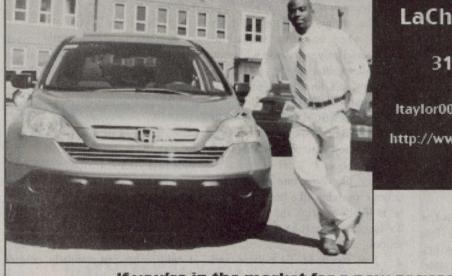
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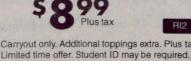


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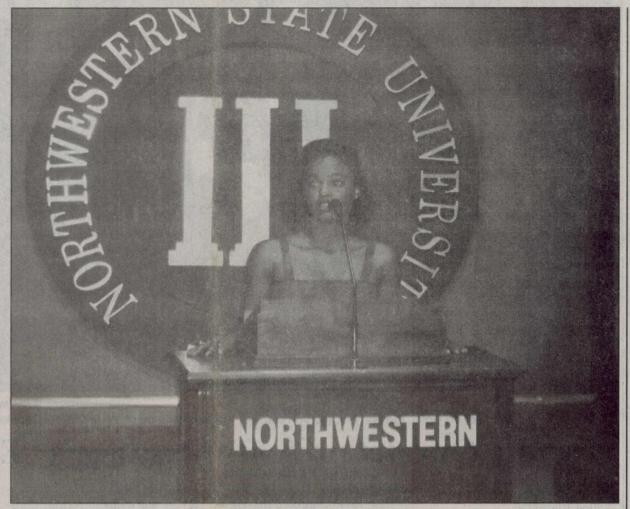


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Kayla Wingfield gives her farewell address to the NSU student body Monday in the Ora G. Williams television studio. Wingfield served as SGA president for the past year.

Wingfield gives farewell address, reflects on past year

David Royal News Editor

ayla Wingfield officially ended her one-year term as Student Government Association president Monday night in the Ora G. Williams television studio.

"It's bittersweet," Wingfield said. "It's kind of a relief to be able to fully focus on things in my life and get ready for graduation, but it's also a little sad that there were things I didn't get to accomplish."

Wingfield said that at this point so soon after leaving office, she is finding it difficult to see anything but things she could have done bet-

"Right now, I'm still reflecting on what I did wrong, but pretty soon the past year, she has been most I guess I will stop being so critical on proud of her Senate, and said she myself," she said.

Wingfield explained that she with them. would have liked to have seen her due to budget cuts, NSU professors them to pick it up.' currently have too many time re-

fident and pleased that it will still be dressed. passed under new SGA President

Mark Daniels's term.

Wingfield said that throughout is honored to have been associated

"I didn't have to hold their plans for establishing advanced test hand," she said. "If the ball ever gone crazy. prep courses come to reality, but said dropped, I knew I could depend on

Wingfield said that her biggest struggles this past year involved try-Additionally, she said she would ing to find a balance between all of style of leadership and got the ball have liked to have seen funding for her responsibilities, and then stay- rolling on many issues, particularly Friedman Student Union repairs and ing focused in the midst of all the NSU band uniforms passed during stress and intricate details of some her term, but added that she is con- of the larger issues that had to be ad-

"Initially, you want to do every-

thing and be involved with everything," she said.

"I learned, though, that [being president] is like having a pie, and everybody wanted to take a slice and when it came down to my last slice, I had to guard it or I might would've

Despite her struggles, Wingfield said she still and her Senate left a positive mark on campus.

"I think I brought a different with student life and tees," she said.

"Overall looking at the positives, the Senate and I feel that we made a difference this past year, which was our goal."

Wingfield said she looks forward to seeing how Daniels, who was sworn into office Monday night, does in the upcoming year.

"I think one of Mark's strongest suits is that he not only has the ability to get the job done, but also has the time and the heart to do so," she said. "I know he's going to go far."

Wingfield will be graduating from the Louisiana Scholars' College in May with a major in liberal

She said she then plans to take a year off from school and do some research in Shreveport before pursuing medical school at Louisiana State University.

NSU students continue dominance at technology conference

Si Tucker Sauce Reporter

or the 10th consecutive year, NSU has finished either first or second at the Association of Information Technology Professionals National Collegiate Conference.

NSU students Allie Brewer and Ginger Kelly placed second in database competition at the 15th annual AITP conference, which was held March 25-28 in St. Louis, Mo.

Additionally, students Paul Reiszner and Lewej Whitelow each received honorable mentions in the systems analysis category.

Whitelow, along with Julién Banta and NSU professor Lissa Pollacia, took examinations given by the Institute for Certification of Computing Professionals and received Associate Computing Professional (ACP) certification.

Receiving such certification is the first step toward having a career in the computer and information science field.

Of the total 61 faculty and students who took the test, only 19 actually passed.

The competition this year included more than 550 students and faculty from 69 colleges and univer- teams of two, she said. sities nationwide.



Contributed Photo

Students in the Computer and Information Science Department competed in the AITP National Collegiate Conference in St. Louis, Mo. during March 25-28. Allie Brewer and Ginger Kelly placed second in database competition.

For nearly all of the competi- dents are to "create a database strucare given a "problem statement," within a three or four hour time period, explained Barbara Russell, CIS said. faculty adviser.

In database competition, stu-

tions at the AITP conference, stu-ture, just like an architect creates dents bring their own computers and plans," Russell said. "We have ways in which we model what we design." which they are required to solve Systems analysis is based on the "need for software support," Russell

During the past 10 years, NSU Students usually compete in students have finished with 10 first place awards at the AITP confer-

Since the fall of 1999, NSU students have attended 27 conferences, competed in 127 competitions and placed in 88 of the 127 contests.

They have been awarded 34 awards for first place, 38 for second, 26 for third and 50 honorable men-

Russell credits the highly competitive nature of NSU students at the AITP conference to the strong

CIS curriculum program at the uni-

"The programs here strive to have a very significant foundation, so [the students] have a strong foundation going forward," Russell said.

She also said that students are provided a helping hand by their professors near competition.

The students practice during "dry runs" and are given extra les-

Regarding the exam for ACP certification, Russell explained that for entry into the professional level of computing, applicants are required to take a core exam with 2 subsidiary exams.

The questions involve basic computer operation, managing, accounting and other questions regarding economics.

To receive certification, the applicant must pass by at least 70%.

To receive ACP certification, applicants must pass a core exam with one subsidiary exam and pass by at least 50%.

Students majoring in CIS generally go into business as programmers and project/database managers.

One focus of this type of career is to keep computer systems working efficiently.

Vehicle crash kills NSU student, injures another

David Royal News Reporter

n the early hours of April 15, a single vehicle crash killed an NSU student and injured anoth-

Tanner Darbonne, the suspected driver of the 2002 Chevrolet pickup, and Levi Cummings were travelling east bound on La Hwy

Then the truck exited the right side of the roadway and struck a guardrail, according to the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Department.

The truck then overturned mul-

Both occupants were not wearing their seatbelts and were ejected from the vehicle while it was flip-

Louisiana State Troopers responded to the crash around 2:15 a.m. Darbonne, 17, and Cummings, 19, were transported to Natchitoches Parish Hospital.

Darbonne was pronounced dead upon arrival, and Cummings received moderate injuries, according to the NPSD.

The use of alcohol is suspected. As of last week, the crash remains under investigation.

Darbonne, who was a freshman electrical engineering major, had accepted a bid from the NSU chapter of Sigma Nu Fraternity this semester.

According to Morgan Redmon, president of NSU's chapter of Sigma Nu, Darbonne did not officially finish pledging with Sigma Nu because of personal issues, but he was planning to pledge again next se-

Redmon explained that Darbonne spent a great deal of time with multiple members of the chap-

ter and was close friends to many. "It's hit members of the chapter real hard," he said.

"[Darbonne] definitely made an impression on everyone he met."

The night of the accident, Redmon said about 25 members of Sigma Nu and other friends were present at the hospital.

"It's been such a blur lately," he

Shortly after the accident, NSU officials and the local chapter deemed it necessary to contact the national headquarters of Sigma Nu.

In response, Sigma Nu is sending grief counselors to speak with members of the local chapter, Redmon said.

He added that the chapter has been working closely with the NSU Greek Life Office and NSU counselor Kristi Simms during the past few days.

Redmon explained that during the night of the accident, five or six members of Sigma Nu were with Darbonne and Cummings at Point Place Marina, a bar located on Patrick Road.

At the time of the crash, he said Darbonne and Cummings were leaving the bar.

He said Sigma Nu headquarters is not investigating the situation.

"None of our guys were buying [Darbonne] drinks," Redmon said.

Darbonne's funeral was held Saturday afternoon in Natchitoches.

Redmon said the chapter is planning an event to honor the memory of Darbonne.

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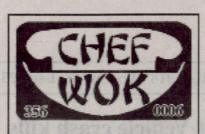






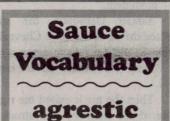






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Left to right: Andrej Kurti on violin, Malena McLaren on clarinet, Francis Yang on piano and Paul Christopher on cello. Faculty Quartet presents Messiaen's "End of Time"

Mary Osteen Sauce Reporter

livier Messiaen's piece, Quatuor pour la fin du Temps, or Quartet for the End of Time, was performed by faculty on Wednesday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. in of despair. Magale Recital Hall.

The faculty quartet was comprised of Andrej Kurti on violin, Malena McLaren on clarinet, Paul Christopher on cello and Francis Yang on piano.

Messiaen composed the quartet while he was a prisoner of war and premiered during World War II.

It was not intended to portray war or death, but instead hopefulness and redemption during a time

"The peaceful parts in the piece are hard to attach to war, and people lose what Messiaen intended if they interpret it as a depiction of World War II," McLaren said.

When asked what kind of imagery he was trying to portray, Christopher said, "If you could put it in words, you couldn't play it."

The third movement of the piece is entitled, "Abyss of Birds," and was the clarinet solo.

Messiaen got the inspiration for this movement from listening to the birds sing at dawn. Their song represents the desire for light, joy and

The quartet was very difficult

to put together and took a different kind of mental focus to play.

"It was refreshing to be challenged," McLaren said.

'The colors and moods were different from what I was used to. The piece is not only technically challenging, but also mentally and musically.

"It really got under my skin."

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The Price Is Right: **Demon Style**

Taylor Graves Staff Reporter

he Student Activities Board hosted the Price Is Right in Magale Recital Hall on April 13 so students could win a chance at fabulous prizes.

After last year's successful Price Is Right event, SAB decided to bring back the fun to excite students.

The event was based off the 1956 long running game show, The Price Is Right. The game is formatted to where contestants guess the price of random objects and get the chance to win a variety of prizes.

"I really liked the way that it was so true to the TV show," junior English major, Elizabeth Armond

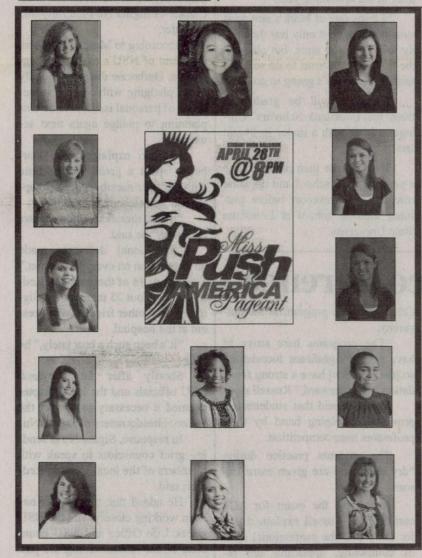
"But it was college based, which made the whole thing pretty funny."

When students arrived to the event, they filled out a card and placed it in a fishbowl for the chance to be chosen as a contestant.

Throughout the evening, more than 10 people were chosen and played the first round of the Price Is Right.

The first round consisted of contestants estimating the price of whatever object was brought out on stage. Audience members helped the contestants by yelling out guesses for each object.

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Fraternity hosts pageant to benefit people with disabilities

On April 28, 2010 at 8pm in the have chosen to compete in the op-Student Union Ballroom on Northwestern State's campus, the Beta Omicron chapter of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity will be hosting the Miss Push America Pageant featuring 13 young women from NSU's campus, is a local project of Push America, to raise funds and awareness on behalf of people with disabilities.

Competing in the first Miss Push America Pageant at NSU, 13 young women will vie for the title and a chance to represent the fraternity as an ambassador to their Philanthropy, Push America.

vice and promoting a better understanding of people with disabilities.

Preliminary phases of competition include personal interview, gown.

The contestants with the top five scores will then be asked an on-stage question to determine the winner and first Miss Push America at NSU.

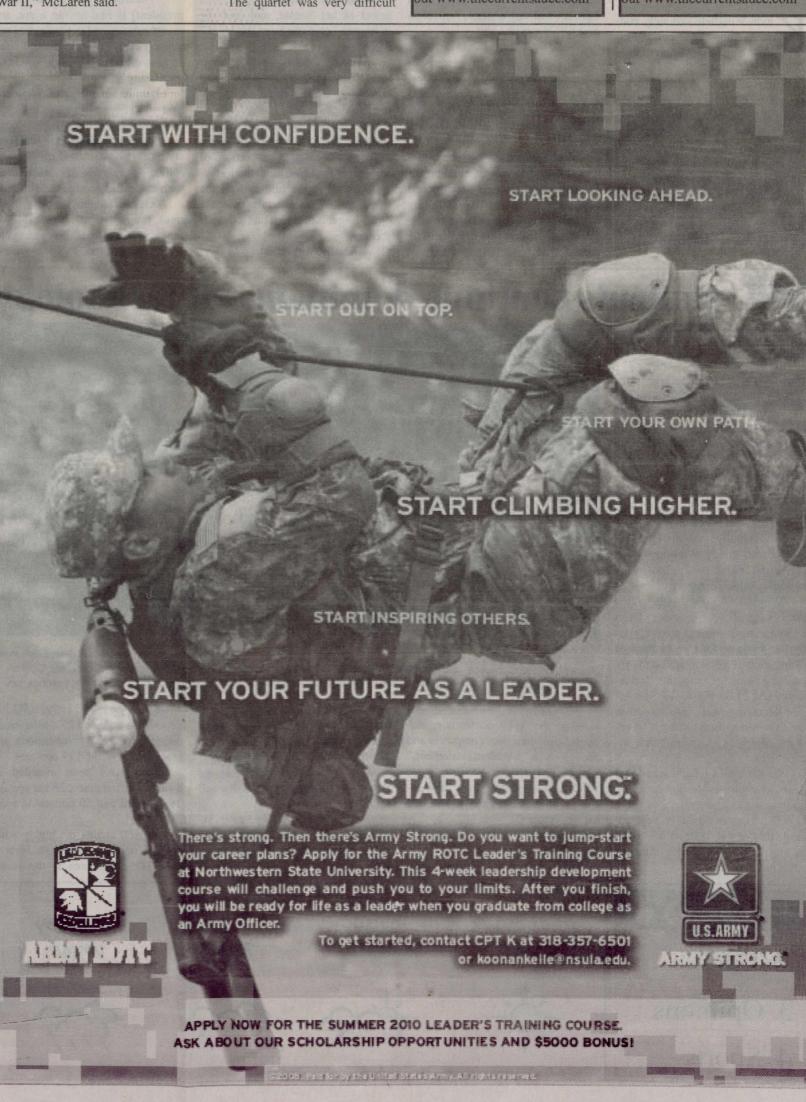
Also, several of the contestants

tional talent portion of the pageant, which is a separate competition and will have no bearing on the final

The Miss Push America Pageant which was founded by Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity in 1977 and its mission is to build leaders of tomorrow by serving people with disabilities today. Its members have raised more than \$10 million nationwide for Push America since its establishment.

The contestants for the 2010 The pageant will focus on ser- competition are: Jordan McLamore, Kimberly Kornahrens, Shannon Byrd, Kasey Benoit, Victoria Cararas, Whitney Irvin, Ashley Williams, Jessi Nuss, Brittany Jeanice, Jassports/fitness wear, and evening mine Torregano, Kara Ford, Gabriela Gutierez, and Logan Wallace.

Doors will open at 7:30pm and the pageant will begin at 8:00pm. Admission to the pageant is \$5 per person, and all proceeds go to benefit people with disabilities.



Middle Child POV: Opinionated Spirts: Last call Terminal illness Andrew Bordelon Staff Columnist Staff Columnist Nice feeds but fails to fulfill

Paul Randall Adams Gust Columnist

oarding pass hand, strolling through the airport as if you own the place, you arrive to the terminal.

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You've been saving up for this trip a long time, taking extra shifts at work and saving wherever possible.

You've made your way through security - stricter than ever before and at last have made it to your terminal, your portal to a new world.

And suddenly, you have a thought; a question crosses your mind that you'd never considered before. Suddenly, you're faced with a strange new decision.

Do you stay where you are, or take the flight to your new escapade, your new destination? Do you take that journey, now that you've come so far? Or do you stay in that termi-

The answer is obvious. Why stay at the airport when you've already paid so much money and gone through so much to take this flight?

Think about the security checks, the rearrangements of liquids to be

of saving up for such a trip.

College functions much the same way. You work for four years, sometimes more, sometime less, to attain a goal.

You work hard, completing homework after homework, paper upon paper, test after test until the end is in sight.

The light at the end of the tunnel appears, and eventually you're able to walk the stage and leave this place to new adventures, new experiences,

And yet so many choose to stay. So many settle down in the familiar- ple ity of Natchitoches and watch as evhave new experiences, to go on new

That's not to say that Natchitoches is an awful place, or that it think of how much more there is out

Think of the world that's still Illness. to be seen; think of the places that are dying to be experienced. How can anyone pass them up simply to stay in the familiar, the comfortable? This place is a terminal, much like the airport, designed to be a gateway to bigger, better things.

flight approved, the stress and strife without seeing what the world has to offer, without exploring their options, are suffering from Terminal

> They are attached to their terminal, too afraid to step on that plane, too afraid to change scenes for fear of discomfort.

The 2004 film, The Terminal, takes place at an airport.

When an Eastern European man is denied entry into the US because of the problems of his country, he must take up residence in an airport terminal. Somehow, that just doesn't seem to be too enticing to many peo-

In the scale of the world, this erybody they know continues on to city is only as big as that terminal, perhaps even smaller. So why stay

Why limit yourself to one tiny little terminal, standing forever on is not a worthy place to settle. But the edge of what could be, while never experiencing it?

Don't fall victim to the Terminal

Get out and explore something else. See what the world has to offer. Take that journey, get on that plane.

Who knows, maybe you'll find your trip brings you back here, any-

But you'll never know if you Those who decide to settle, don't go on that first voyage.

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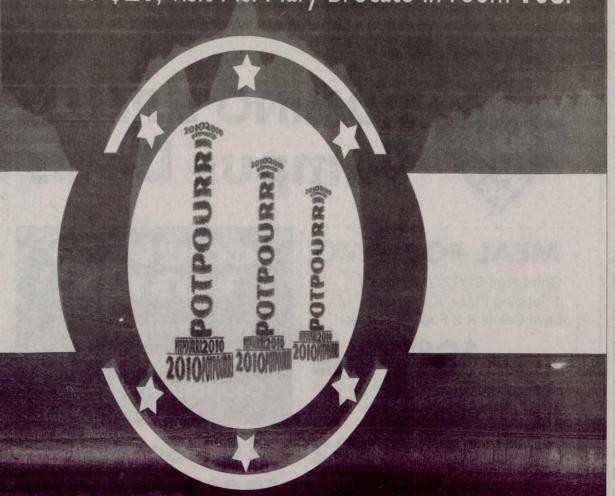
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hose desperate last minutes at the bar can determine how one ends a night of drinking.

Whether you decide to throw in

the towel and end the night peacefully or you buy a safety six pack to keep you company for a few more hours, that last purchase being forced on you can say a lot.

Spending those hours after the bar with friends, sometimes even staying up till the sun beautifully rises up from the horizon, has been one of my favorite experiences.

Mindless chatter carries through the darkness until the voices slowly fade away, replaced only by the awe of night's farewell and the day's awakening.

I learned, however, that such a unique drinking experience needs to remain simply that, unique and above all, rare.

Those who carry out such a lifestyle continuosly begin to lose that sense of beauty experienced and instead cause themselves to rely on drinking to the point of misues.

Vice feeds but fails to fulfill. Perhaps vices are best enjoyed by those with virtues.

For they may be the few ones with the power to overcome them when they begin to take hold of life.

We live in a society that is growing in disobedience to the point that corruption and vice have become commonplace.

Therefore, the absence of vices could be the greatest act of defiance in our culture.

But could this ever be possible? The truth is that although we should never consider the goal of a conscientious or moral society to be impossible, we must remember that it is a goal that will not be searched for by all.

Bars will still open and close.

The same regulars will come and go until there are new ones to take their places, and there will surely be drinkers to occupy those bar-

Bartenders will continue to change, creating a special bread of listeners who are bound to hear stories that are only shared with the drinker and Jesus outside the bar.

Weekends will continue to pass, leaving behind the memories made

Some drinkers will stick with their weekend memories while others will continue to make them throughout the week.

Nights will end the same way. Some people will struggle for a sober ride home; others will have an eventful after party with a regretful morning.

Several may barely make it home by the grace of God while others will end their night with Him.

Maybe it takes those memories to teach us the life lessons we experience in college.

They certainly range from the best of times to the worst.

We will remember the nights we made with our closest friends and joke about the nights we can't remember with them later.

Lest we forget the nights that taught us something, whether we wanted to learn it or not.

So, maybe I drank too much this year; or maybe I didn't have enough.

I surely could have given more attention to school, and I could have

taken more opporunitities to spend

time at the bar. Either way I thank God for the memories I made from drinking and ask everyday for one more last call.

Tobacco Free Living:

Latest totalitarian propaganda

Tom Lawler Guest Columnist

not entirely sure why, one thing about Northwestern and Natchitoches



People get all kinds of upset when it comes to what people choose in their personal lives.

The latest display (that got my attention) of what I should be ashamed of are the Tobacco Free Living poster that are put up all over

My favorite one so far (and the subject for my article) reads something to the effect of 'Studies show that men who smoke have a reduced sperm count by 50 percent. How's that for a Facebook status.'

Hilarity.

For one thing, the fact that our generation cannot hold a face-toface conversation unless it's Facebook official.

Then again, what is Skype for?

ticle. I digress.

Yes, it is true; tobacco has been linked to low sperm counts and other

terrible things. But is that necessarily a bad thing? Think of unwanted and/or un-

planned pregnancies. Tobacco isn't and will never be the next birth control, however.

Now before you tell me I am a terrible sort of a man, a difference occurs to me. If you are planning a family, then perhaps you should quit so I smoke a bowl of my flavored to-

But to those of us who are not planning to have little versions of ourselves running amuck and draining our coffers, smoke until cancer ensues for all I care.

Also, do not begin to preach on

low sperm counts.

A sperm cell is half a potential person. If want to continue on with such debates, in order to be fair, we should also include birth control, hysterectomies, and more importantly vasectomies.

Last time I checked, status (at least in American Society) is not de-

termined by sperm count. When I get sick, rarely is it due

Yet that is a topic for another ar- to how many Tom Jr.'s are floating

And would you believe it I don't smoke cigarettes. I do however; smoke a tobacco from my collection of tobacco pipes.

Studies from the surgeon general have shown that smoking a pipe is not any more serious than not smoking, though to be fair it does cause certain kinds of cancer.

I accept this. Every day or every other day or bacco. Sometimes twice in one day at a party.

People around me like the smell, and after a year and a half, I can still enjoy my favorite passion, backpacking. Often I go for days on end with no problem.

It is on my behalf that I wish you, my brothers and sisters, the ability to decide for yourself and think critically.

I also wish that you be able to enjoy your life in the ways that seem

And remember one last anecdote, the best way to prevent secondhand smoke, is to start smoking.

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Though mauled by Tigers, **Demons still rolling**

Reagan Burke Sauce Reporter

espite being on a roll by winning its last six games, the NSU Demons, who had clawed its way to being ranked 30, ran into a brick wall by way of the Tigers from LSU.

The only bright spot for NSU was Adam Roy, who was responsible for two of the Demons' eight hits - both were singles.

The game was played in Shreveport before 5,000 screaming fans.

NSU's bats had been its strong point over the past six games, but thanks to the strong arms of LSU, the Demons were only able to manage eight hits on the evening.

Part of the undoing of the Demons was the pitching staff that gave up 12 walks to the, already powerful, Tigers offense.

But before the Demons met LSU, it swept UTSA this weekend and had a throttling win over Jackson State last Tuesday.

The team traveled to Jackson, Mississippi to bring home an overwhelming victory of 17-5.

"It takes the pressure off. It's easy to play this game when you rea game" Eric DeBlanc said.

UTSA, 10-0.

This started the weekend off right and leaft the team in good spir-

it sets up the whole weekend.

It takes pressure off of our Saturday starter and allows everyone to relax and just play" DeBlanc said.

On Saturday, the Demons faced a double header against the Roadrunners. In the first game of the day, the Demons struggled to walk away with a victory.

However, with stout pitching by Ryan Zimmerman, the team pulled out a win.

earned in the first game of the dou- stated. bleheader.

Right fielder Tyler Baisley, drove in the winning-run to end the game at 6-5. The Demons trailed 5-3 going into the ninth inning.

The four batters previous to Baisley reached safely with single base hits, leaving Baisley an open

window to rally in some runs. "No matter what the status of

member it's supposed to be just that, the game, the players keep faith in the team...you can see the bond that For the first game of the series the boys have and the support they on Friday, the Demons shut out have for one another" said Sarah Durham, NSU Diamond Doll.

For game two of the doubleheader on Saturday, the Demons showed off their talent and capabil-"The first game is huge because ity to leap into a strong lead and remain there. In an eight inning game, the Demons run-ruled the Roadrunners ending the game 12-2.

"When your team gets 49 hits on 108 attempts and outscores your opponent 28-7 there's not too much to complain about" DeBlanc said in response to the overall series.

The Demons play the LSU Ti-

gers in Baton Rouge on Wednesday. "We're thrilled to be playing LSU back to back. These games are Zimmerman pitched 7.1 innings big and could mean a lot for us with and gave up five runs with only two getting a regional bid," DeBlanc

> "I have no doubt if we play to our capability that these are going to be two games to remember."

> The Demons hope to finish out the season strongly and keep the fan base growing.

> "People really seem to enjoy coming out this year which makes it even more rewarding." DeBlanc

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UCA steals series from Lady Demons

Jimmie Walker Staff Writer

entral Arkansas pelted the Lady Demons with runs late in Sunday afternoon's game to win the contest 8-1 and take the Southland Conference series.

record of 21-21 and dropped them to 8-13 in conference play.

Central Arkansas's record isn't much better. They moved to 19-27 overall and 7-13 in conference play.

The Bears had the lead early in the game. In the second inning, UCA's Preslie Long drove in Sarah Garcia with a single.

with a double to left center to score the first points of the game.

England nailed her second homer of contribute to the Bears 12-hit at-

"England has been improving a lot and she's working hard on her hitting," Lady Demons Head Coach Donald Pickett said. "She's in a good place offensively. For the last month, she's been one of our hottest hitters."

England's homer would be the The loss gave NSU an overall only run for the Lady Demons and the Bears would put the game away as they scored three runs each in the fifth and seventh inning, capitalizing on three NSU errors.

"You're not going to beat a team when you give up 12 hits and commit three errors," Pickett said. "We have to work ahead and hit our spots and we didn't do that today. We got Paige Burke drove her home behind in counts and UCA took advantage of it."

Melanie Bryant, Garcia and The Lady Demons closed the Burke led UCA's offensive attack. gap to 2-1 when freshman Ashlee The three of them went 2-for-3 to

Burke had two RBI's, one of which was a double in the second while Bryant and Garcia scored and

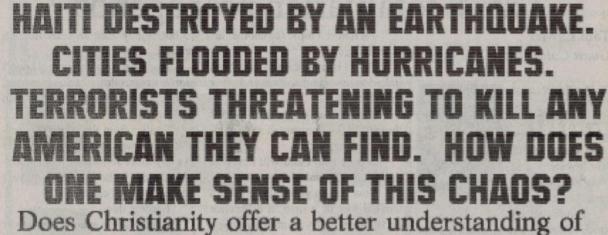
NSU's pitcher Kelee Grimes (4-6) added another loss to her record. She struck out two batters, but walked four and gave up four hits and three runs in four innings

Brook Boening relieved Grimes but she was taken out after facing only four batters.

Kaity Holloway pitched the remaining innings of the Lady De-

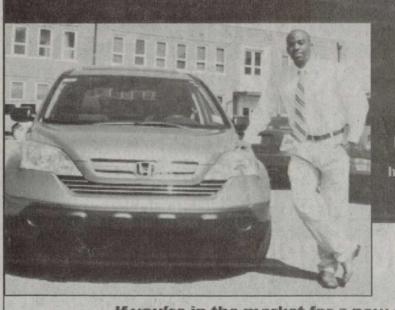
Holloway struck out three batters, but she also gave up three runs and four hits.

The Lady Demons continue their eight-game home stand Wednesday at 6 p.m. as they face



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Bush names himself 'King of NSU,' declares war on McNeese

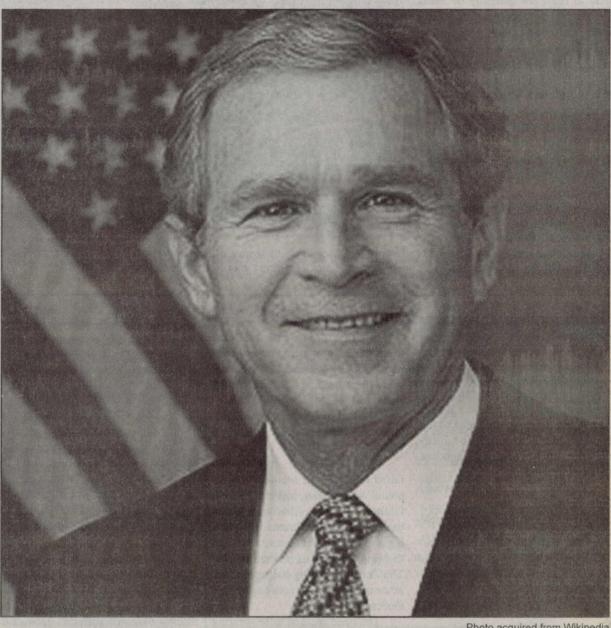


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This is just to remind you of what I said up at the top of the page. I'm serious when I say this is all a joke. I mean, we have Swiper the freakin' Fox on the front page

David Royal Grand Poobah

n the past week, NSU has made major strides to assist the United States with the war on terror.

With one swift motion, former U.S. President George W. Bush became NSU's new vice president.

Bush, however, insists that his title be referred to as King of NSU.

As King of NSU, Bush claims that his sole responsibility is to ensure the safety of the student body and faculty from the 'axis of evil.'

His actual description of duties actually says nothing close to his misguided description.

In one short day after taking his new position at the university, Bush managed to convince or bewilder NSU President Randall Webb that McNeese State University has nuclear capability and has intentions of using it against NSU.

Bush said his findings are based upon his sightings of suspicious looking trucks in Lake Charles during his drive to Natchitoches.

"I'm not really sure what happened during my meeting with [Bush]," Webb said.

"He began speaking, my eyes glazed over and before I knew it, I had given him permission to attack McNeese State."

In a press conference that took place yesterday, Bush explained his plan of action.

"I have already mobilized the NSU Army ROTC and they will act

quickly to penetrate and annihilate those McNeese terrorists," Bush

"No longer will the people of NSU have to fear at night.'

NSU Army ROTC cadet Lovell Willis was part of the recent deployment to MSU. Willis said he and his fellow ca-

dets have been "fighting" on MSU's campus for two days now.

"Basically, we're treating this as a vacation," Willis said.

"We're not exactly sure what King of NSU Bush saw, but we haven't seen anything threatening.

Willis added, however, that he and his cadets have been making daily reports to pacify Bush that include having had a possible sighting of Osama bin Laden in the MSU student union.

Bush, however, also seems to have another misguided hope associated with a war against MSU.

He said - while salivating slightly - that NSU would profit greatly from the oil sources that it would obtain from MSU after the

A small tear fell from his face after sources corrected him that MSU does not in fact have any significant sources of oil, but he said that was not enough to call off the

"Although I really love cowboys and want to be one when I grow up, the McNeese Cowboys must pay for their horrible acts of terror,' Bush said.

Study finds students ready for morning classes

Joseph Cunningham, Esq. AKA Jason Thibodeaux

new study has found that students with 8 a.m. classes are well-rested for their 9 a.m. class.

According to a report released by the Center for Studying Academic Studies, students that have classes beginning at 8 a.m. arrive at their 9 a.m. (MWF classes) and their 9:30 a.m. (TR classes) feeling fresh and ready to learn.

"Typically speaking," said Martha McGoodwork, the head researcher in the study, "students are showing more awareness and alertness in their classes."

"They are also getting better results than those who begin the school day at 9 a.m."

Although it's unclear as to why students are performing so much better, one professor has an idea.

"In my 8 a.m. class, Introduction to Canadian Civilization," Dr. Ignatius Popp said, "students are not only staring down at their notebooks intently, but they are also letting me know when m boring them, using snores and staring blankly at me from behind their sunglasses."

Popp also teaches Advanced Canadian Principles at 9 a.m., which also has a lot of his 8 a.m. students, who look, according to Popp, ready to "carpe diem," as the ancient Canooks would say.

While getting ready for final exams, Popp has decided to offer students in his 8 a.m. class more office hours to come by and discuss the study guide, as well as any notes they may have missed.

But do the students feel they re getting the most out of their early morning classes?

According to the research, four out of five students with 8 a.m. classes are scoring at least five points higher in their 9 a.m. class than those who don't have a class prior to

"What're seeing is a strange phenomenon from students who like to go out and party on weeknights, which is why these results are so unexpected," McGoodwork said.

"We've never seen this kind of academic output in this demographic

The results of the study are being published in academic journals across America and parts of Indone-

"We're very excited to have stumbled across this amazing academic discovery," McGoodwork

Other results from the study also showed that 90 percent of students in 8 a.m. classes who party on weeknights soon realize their mistake and drop the class, either picking it up in the summer or taking it when it isn't offered so damn early.

Another statistic released from the study reveals that, of the students who miss classes that begin at 10 a.m. or earlier:

-67 percent were so trashed last night.

-15 percent woke up in someone

else's bed. -10 percent asked friends to remove

those freaking pictures from Facebook before their moms found them. -5 percent will never, ever do that

-3 percent work for student media.

Former U.S. President George W. Bush was appointed "King of NSU" last week, and has abruptly declared war on McNeese State University under suspicions of nuclear capabilites.

The rise and fall of Bobby Falcon:

The story of Natchitoches' rock legend

Andrew Bordelon The Prohibitionist

fter the fatal crash of Jim Croce's band on that fatal day of September 20, 1973, a sacred pact was made by a group of newly made friends.

Some called that pact legendary while others who doubted it are left to marvel at its historical signifi-

Before that performance, many people might not have thought much about the man who gave the opening acoustic performance, two cheering local students in the crowd or an exchange student who was in the process of breaking his rock music

However, those seemingly insignificant characters would play a monumental role in the forming of what would become one of the most influential, controversial, despicable and worshipped bands in America's

Bobby Falcon was the man who gave the opening performance. Although many listeners in the crowd failed to show interest in the young musician's lyrics, he voiced words that he said, "the world was just not ready for." If only one could see that promising future sooner.

Two Northwestern students whose musical talent lay dormant in the crowd were Edward Stratus and

Ted Ferguson, AKA "The Turd."

ing to escape the horrific truth of Alexandria area. Croce's death.

unimportant player at the time, though. sought such refuge as well. He was an exchange student from Libya, bered," Stratus said. and his name translated in English to Russ O'Toole.

Those three men met in that local Natchitoches bar for, perhaps, the last time they would be mere an "accidental" fire consuming their men for the rest of their lives.

Bobby Falcon walked into that bar with the same goal of memorializing a rock legend that the other three men entered with, but the four of them departed the bar with a misforgotten. This laid the first twigs of

So Bobby Falcon, Edward Strabegan a journey to test the limits of the people," Stratus said. musical boundaries and the American spirit. The band began small.

start out with," The Falcon said. "We were in it for the love of the 1979

music," O'Toole said. but none seemed to present a prob-

The band stayed local and small scale in the beginning, as most rising

They played at Natchitoches Those two men, like many oth- bars and tried their luck with a few ers, sought refuge in a bar, attempt- establishments in the Shreveport and

Most of them had trouble recol-Another student, a seemingly lecting events of those early years

"Not a lot is able to be remem-

He did mention a hazy recollection of a minor event that took place after a performance on July, 4 involving several fireworks and original van.

During those early years, the band met one of its most useful assets and friend, Nicky Dimebag. His connections, sometimes questionable, landed the band several perforsion to never let such greatness be mances, including the opportunity to open for bands like Kansas, Fog Hat, Meatloaf and the Grateful Dead.

"You don't get a name like tus, The Turd and Russ O'Toole Dimebag without being able to hus-

After six years of trudging through the mud of mediocrity, the "We were all pretty good kids to band emerged nationwide with their first hit single, "Birds of Prey" in

"Me and Stratus were riding in Each member had their vices, the [second] Ford van one night after a show," The Falcon said. "The song seemed to come at us like a lightning bolt had struck the tip of our [private

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Photo acquired from coloring-pictures.net University Police has finally tracked down the perpetrator of this semester's burglaries that took place at University Place. NSU detectives recently named Swiper the Fox as its main suspect in the multiple crimes. Swiper the Fox is most commonly associated with his persistant looting and harassing of the all-around lovable Dora the Explorer. Last November, Swiper the Fox swore to give up his days of crime and took the position of Mexican Ambassador to the United States. Because of his appointment as ambassador, University Police said it will be unable to prosecute Swiper the Fox due to his diplomatic immunity.

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Cocaine bust in Kyser Hall

Jimmie Walker Greatest-of-All-Time (allegedly)

onstruction of the ceiling on

the first floor of Kyser led to the largest drug bust in Louisiana's history.

Four kilos of cocaine was found in the air ducts and it is believed that more could be found throughout the

An anonymous tipper let University Police know that the Sabine River Air Conditioning Co. was in the middle of one of the largest drug trafficking circles to reach the south.

"We got the call from a blocked number," Detective Huey Wright

"At first, we weren't sure about taking it serious, but my intuitive knowledge about cocaine - which I obtained from my all time favorite movie "Blow" - led me to believe that something fishy was going on."

scene with two drug-sniffing Chihuahuas and four golf carts to haul

The Chihuahuas were used as opposed to the traditional drug-sniffing K9's because of the budget cuts NSU continues to face.

"The Dogs are affordable, which is a great thing, and they were able to fit in the vents, something a German Sheppard wouldn't be able to do," Wright said.

Sabine River Air Condition Co. CEO Jason Ferguson explained that he didn't know that his employees were involved in drug trafficking and red flags never came up when he did a background check on them.

He believes that his new employee, Hector Camacho, could have first introduced the others to that lifestyle.

"I always knew that there was Police officers arrived on the something funny about that guy," Ferguson said. "I couldn't fire him without a reason so I let him stick

> All of the employees that were here at NSU are currently detained for further questioning. The maximum sentencing they face is 25 years in prison, but a lesser punishment is available if they cooperate.

> NSU President Randall Webb has been informed about the situation, but no decision has been made as to what to with the cocaine.

> "We sat down yesterday and talked with President Web and some great ideas bounced around," Wright

> "We are thinking about keeping it and starting our own drug dealing business. The university is in a financial crisis and we could use the money to lift the monetary burden."



Photo by Jimmie Walker/ The Current Sauce

University Police made its largest drug bust in department history after finding a cocaine supply during Kyser Hall renovations.

NSU allows 'nude Fridays'

Sarah Cramer Dr. Feelgood

xpect NSU students to come to school in their birthday suits Friday. That's right, it's

Each Friday for the remainder of the spring semester and throughout the fall semester, students are allowed to show up to school naked.

"I've been president of this institution for years now, and it's time for students to learn the true meaning of self-expression," said NSU President Randall Webb. "And what better way can they learn to express themselves? Everyone should be naked."

The idea came to human sexuality teacher Susie Sandbucket during her freshman class while she was teaching her students that individuality goes beyond the brand names they wear.

"Two kids were picking on another kid for the clothing he was wearing," Sandbucket explained. "That's when I chimed in and said, 'What if we were all naked. Then clothing just wouldn't matter."

Neville Longbottom, senior botany major, said he's been waiting for a day like this for as long as he can remember.

"This is awesome," Longbottom said. "Now I can just get out of the shower and go to class. I don't even have to wash my clothes as often. And I get to show off my guns."

Kelvin Brown, a junior general studies major, agreed with Longbot-

"I LOVE taking off my clothes!" Brown exclaimed. "I already showed up to most of my classes with little to no clothes, but now I can do it on Friday and avoid getting pepper-sprayed by women. This will really cut down on my public indecency charges."

But not all students are as ex-

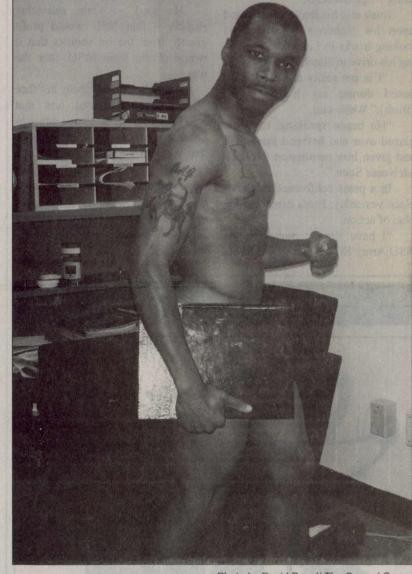


Photo by David Royal/ The Current Sauce NSU student Kelvin Brown walks around campus naked this past Friday in response to the university's new policy of optional clothing on Fridays.

cited about Nude Friday.

Meg Griffin, junior archeology major, is appalled at such an idea.

"Children in Africa don't have clothes," Griffin said. "This is dumb. We should be thankful for our clothes and not parade around like

change to the campus.

"This place is too traditional," Sandbucket said. "Not only do kids experience for all of us."

need to understand that clothes are not important, but they also just need to loosen up."

In addition to coming to school in the nude, all afternoon classes will be canceled for the "Meet-and-Greet barbecue" hosted by SAB.

"The students will learn more Webb and Sandbucket, howev- about themselves as individuals, and er, believe that this will bring great they'll learn about their classmates,"

"This will be a great learning

Bobby Falcon, from page 1

The song soared to the top of the charts. If the world was not aware before, it now knew not only the hit single, but the immortal name of the band, Bobby Falcon and The Birds of Prey, multiplying the founding twigs of the nest.

The band's fame and ego would only increase from there.

"It's kind of hard to be humble when you're so much better than everyone else," Stratus said.

Fame enthralled the band, bringing out the best performances of members and the worst of their

"You think Tiger had it bad, hah!" O'Toole said.

A mere three years after they made it big, O'Toole's drinking caught up with him and took the lead. He always used whiskey to

overcome his stage fright, but there was never anyone to monitor his fear control.

This led to O'Toole's appalling performance followed by an alcohol and heat-induced stroke on stage.

After flat-lining for approximately 30 seconds at the hospital, O'Toole was revived and later sent to a rehabilitation camp for alcohol-

The man who, only weeks before, had invented the R chord and gotten married, was now imprisoned in a sober concentration camp program scheduled for two months; but that was not short enough for the rest of the Birds

The band made a daring rescue of O'Toole from the sober prison.

Their plan failed, however, when Stratus, too intoxicated to function, crashed their van into a tree a half mile down the road from

O'Toole was immediately sent back to the camp for the remainder of the two months.

After his release the band set their sights on a grander prize and set sail for Libya, O'Toole's homeland - not metaphorically speaking but the band did not have the funds

The Birds arrived in Libya wearing the clothing of the locals to avoid confrontation during a time when the country was engulfed in a

O'Toole, determined to stray

from his prior alcohol temptations, began the tour sober.

"Quaaludes isn't drinking," O'Toole said.

They performed their rock in hopes to mend social issues of the time but ended up stranded in the desert with O'Toole's cousin, who happened run a local opium den.

"Opium's a hell of a drug," Stra-

"We definitely rode that gravy train with biscuit wheels," The Falcon said.

After several months of tribal living and relaxed, hallucinogenic experiences, the band made their way to London.

Their trip to Libya had lasted a short two years and 59 days, leaving an even shorter time left in their three year world tour.

The rest of that time was spent touring London, unannounced, raising money to get back to America, since their funding was completely

The world tour had more than a financial impact on The Birds of

The Falcon's continuously failed relationships seemed to compound as the tour had progressed, O'Toole awaited divorce papers back in the states, Stratus was gaining a tolerance for substances bound to bring him down in the end and The Turd was losing balance on the fence of his struggle with a speed ad-

The band seemed to be wearing out to some, but this wasn't an option for the Birds.

They felt an urge to keep soaring upward and continue adding twigs to their nest.

What the Falcon lacked in relationships, he made up for with lyrical genius.

By the end of his career, the term "rock ballad" was a commonly

Proof of such an occurrence was evident in the band's second hit single, "Pink Highway."

As if that wasn't enough, the Birds of Prey would band together to come out with a third hit single, "Burn Notice," shortly after, putting

them both on their next album. The Birds of Prey conjured a grand tour to unveil their rediscovered fame in America and titled it 'The Falcon-Pa-Looza."

It would be the band's re-entry into America after it's rather unorth-

odox world tour. "We brought back a sense of be-

longing to our fans," Stratus said.

"We like to think of our feathers as the ladies, and they hadn't felt that warm sensation we all had in a

"There were a few hospitalizations, but there was nothing serious," The Falcon said.

The Falcon-Pa-Looza was a nationwide hit until it unexpectedly culminated at the Frog Festival in

They began with some of their most praised songs, but at "Pink Highway" it all went wrong.

The Turd started his usual two minute drum solo, rocking out like he never had before; but when he reached three minutes, Stratus and O'Toole became worried and signaled to The Falcon to check on him. But it was too late.

The Turd had already spun his cymbal- which was lined with cocaine the entire way - around in a circle, sniffing every inch of covered

His eyes then rolled back into his head as he fell backward into the

As Stratus and O'Toole looked in awe, pondering what to do next, The Falcon leaned forward to take a bite of the last bit of snow-covered symbol left, collapsing into the drum

As O'Toole stood in shock. Stratus slowly laid down his bass guitar, pulled out a joint from his headband, lit it and walked off stage.

Paramedics rushed on stage to

revive Bobby Falcon, but The Turd

A part of the immortal nest being formed was shaken, and the twigs shivered in the wind of despair. The Birds of Prey flew solo.

No one knew of the whereabouts of Stratus after his stage exit. O'Toole spent years finding his exwife and reviving their relationship.

Meanwhile, The Falcon's career and life took a downward spiral into an abyss that many of today's critics would consider a whole incapable of

The world wondered what would become of their precious

The years passed, along with Bobby Falcon's different jobs and

Not one job could fulfill the loss of his flock, and not one woman could fill the void in his heart.

20 years later, O'Toole, with the motivation of his wife he remarried, rescued The Falcon from the abyss he was spiraling down.

O'Toole found him at his Texas ranch, outside of Dallas, with a cocaine outline of the state of Louisiana on his glass coffee table.

The Birds of Prey flocked together for a reunion performance at the 2008 Homecoming parade for

It was the first time the band had played together since the horrific performance in 1988, minus The Turd of course.

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However, there was another to take his place.

Ted Ferguson's son, Ethan Noll, took his father's place as the drummer for The Birds of Prey. Then, the Birds flew higher than

ever. They appeared, at least in the public eye, as legendary, inspiring, clean and changed men. They inspired a school and brought back a taste of the sensation

that once fueled the building of their legendary nest of accomplishments This reporter was even at that

parade and saw their reunion first However, few would be pre-

pared for their final performance. This reporter knows he was not

and is certain that the members of the 4-H club in Paris, Tx. were not

The small crowd of about 40 members took their seats after enjoying a few donuts, coffee and juice. Stratus, O'Toole and Noll start-

ed off the performance, awaiting a subtle yet stellar entrance by Bobby

All of a sudden, The Falcon burst onto the stage with a staggering crawl toward the microphone.

Stratus attempted to introduce their lead singer, but The Falcon spoke over him and began yelling at

He then pulled a long slender object out from the back of his leath-

Then, Bobby Falcon gazed into the binoculars of eternity and pulled the trigger of his double-barrel shot-

Blood covered the 'Welcome' backdrop sign as the band and the rest of the room stared in shock as the coffee continued to steam.

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Even though the sound of it is something quite atrocious, if you say it loud enough you'll always sound precocious.

> Etymology: From Disney and possibly LSD.

Courtesy of Mary Poppins

Southern chick pops up in New England

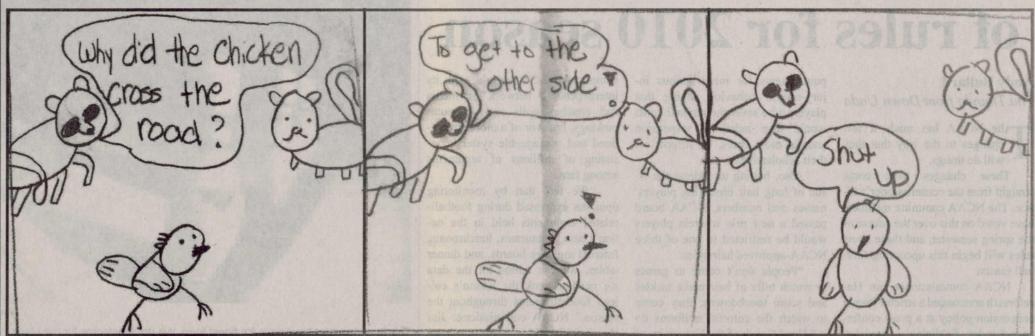


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Remember the chicken that used to roam the streets of NSU? Wonder whatever happened to him? On Feb. 22, I received a letter. Upon opening it, a handful of chicken feed feel out into my hand, along with a note. The note contained a number and I immediately called it. The chicken answered and said that he would agree to do a quick phone interview with me, in order for students to know why he deserted his southern coop.

Q: Where did you go?

A: To a little northern villa on the Q: How did that happen? outskirts of Boston, Ma. I'm a big Red Socks fan.

-Jeffery Sholar, The White Balancer

Q: How did you get there? A: I flew.

Q: But chickens can't fly... A: I meant Continental USA.

Q: Why did you leave NSU campus? A: Cause the skunks and raccoons were taking over my nest.

A: They weren't happy that I was taking all of their publicity. Also, while I got away with numerous scandals, they always were the blame. I mean come one, the skunk was walking arounds and stinking up the place while the raccon chased students at night. How pathetic is that?

Q: How did that make you feel? A: I was outraged! I mean I was so angry that I started molting -losing my feathers- early! I had such hot wings it was ridiculous!

Q: Did you do anything about it?

A: What do you think? Of course I did. I even tried to get the campus police involved, but they weren't use to helping a celebrity. So, I finally had to filed a restraining order.

Q: Do you think you are a celebrity? A: Duh, did you not see the papers that I was mentioned in?

Q: Do you miss the campus? A: I do. I especially miss the ladies who use to find me at lunch. I also

miss seeing the students, but I don't

miss those stupid "chicken jokes."

Q: What chicken jokes?

A: You know, the "why did the chicken cross the road" and that I escaped from the campus' Chick-fil-A.

Q: Where did you come from? A: That's a secret I will never reveal.

Q: What do you do now?

A: I'm the spokes-model for Boston Market Chicken. I gross about \$500,000 a year a

and I own a very nice coop.

Q: Is there anyone special in your

A: Yeah. I met this little fine piece of meat. Her name is Rebecca Cluckerson, and she grew up in France and traveled here to head to Harvard.

Q: Do you plan on coming back to

A: That seems impeccable. I would love to come back, but I just don't know if my job will let me take time off. Also, I just don't feel safe on

Q: Well, thank you for taking the time to talk to me. Is there anything else you would like to say? A: Cluck!

Isabella spotted with new suitor

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TSU students sighted two glowing figures walking downtown Saturday evening. "The two people were holding hands," Susie Tuckerbottom, senior criminal justice major, said. "It looked like they were on a date or something."

Tuckerbottom and her friends followed the mysterious couple around town, and finally recognized the couple as the ghosts of John Smith and Isabella. The couple had a romantic dinner at The Landing followed by a stroll along Cane River

"We realized it was John Smith and Isabella because we heard them talking about their ex lovers, Pocahontas and Isabella's suitor," Muffin Tulane, junior education major, said.

John Smith did all of the gentlemen things for Isabella while on their date, including letting her walk through walls first.

"I wanted my boyfriend there so he could take notes on how to treat a woman," Crystal Loverslane, freshman business major, said.

The best part of the sighting was

not the two ghosts themselves, but their transportation.

"John Smith had a ship waiting to take Isabella on a midnight ride down Cane River," Loverslane said. "I thought it was so romantic."

The ship was a five-star vessel with multiple decks and cannons. A full crew was on deck to man the pearl white sails while the couple floated down the calming river in the pitch-black dark.

Not everyone was happy and excited about this special date.

"I can't believe John would cheat on me in the afterlife like this," Pocahontas, outraged girlfriend, said. "I mean I thought he knew how much I loved him."

John Smith's ex-lover was not the only ghost upset with the random

Isabella's suitor said he would haunt John Smith for all of eternity if Smith farther violated his known relationship with Isabella.

"All of Northwestern knows Isabella loved me so much that she lost her beauty and died for me," he said.

Although the lovers were not happy about the ghostly date, the NSU students who saw the date were

Birdman encounters a first

The Realist

fter years and years of protecting NSU, their savior and favorite hero has fallen ill for the very first time.

Could this be the end of birdman? In an exclusive interview we were able to catch up with the person who witnessed Birdman's moulting.

"I was arriving to the scene of the crime when I saw Birdman's hawk light. Upon arriving I saw Birdman struggling with to males, NSU Policeman Willis Stomphy

"When he went to penn one of them he lost his grip. As the guy started to fall so did Birdman's feathers."

Upon see those events Officer Stomphy immediately took down the two thieves and called the para-

medics for our beloved half-breed Birdman.

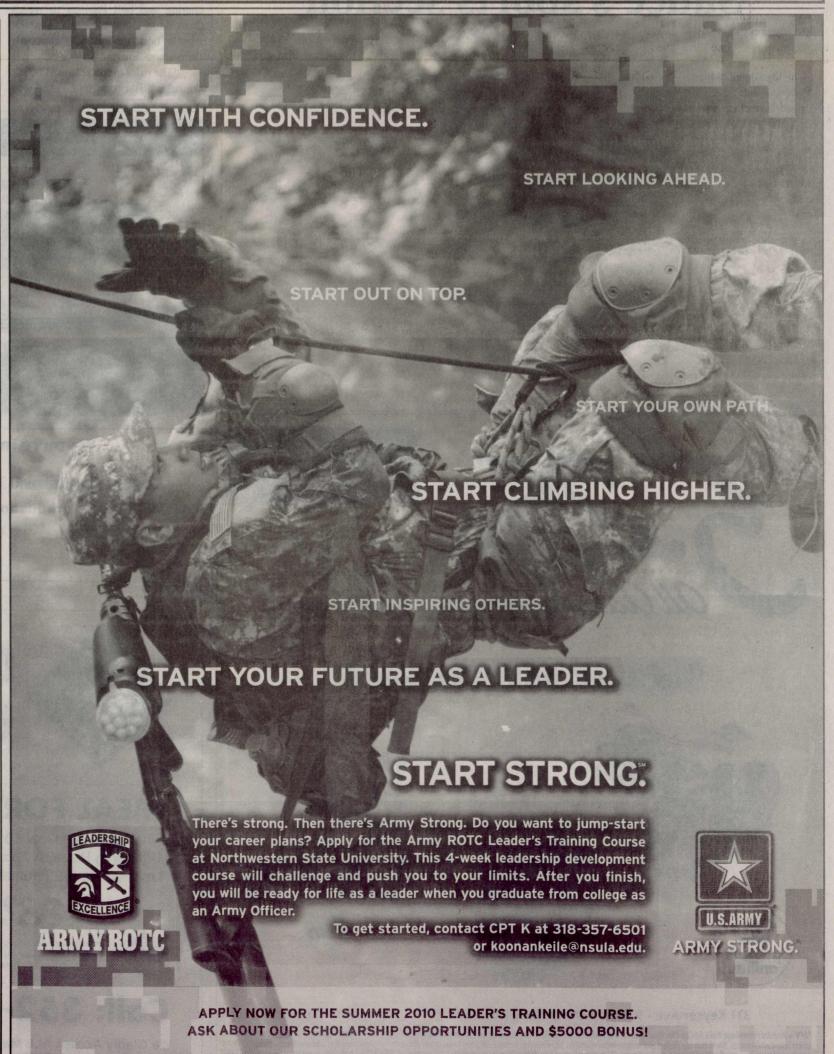
"I do believe Birdman is moulting for first time," Special Study Vetinarian George Wacuski said.

"By Birdman being half human and half hawk the process was probably delayed. Moulting is simply the process in which birds shed their old feathers during autumn before the new ones grow in, similar to a dog shedding their hair."

Robert Hare, who is Birdman, spoke with us for the first time unmasked on April 3rd.

"I didn't know what was happening to me. I almost freaked out, and probably would have if it were not for Office Stomphy."

Before ending the interview, Bird wanted to let students know that his moulting is not painful and he shall continue being NSU's vigilante as soon as he is better.



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NCAA has new set of rules for 2010 season

Andy Bullard

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The NCAA has made a few changes to the way that they will do things.

These changes have come straight from the commissioner's office. The NCAA committe members have voted on this over the course of the spring semester, and these neew rules will begin this upcoming football season

NCAA commissioner Jim Hazelbreath announced a stricter league concussion policy at a press conference Sunday, finalizing a provision that would automatically charge a fine of \$10,000 to any team who has a player suffer a concussion.

"Concussions have become a serious problem in the lives of current and former players, and the only way to nip this thing in the bud is to make the players and coaches accountable," Hazelbreath said. "Ten thousand dollars for the first concussion, \$30,000 for the second, and \$70,000 for the third.

"Hopefully these fines will make our teams think twice before they have their brains jostled against the insides of their skulls."

their scholarships.

Also, hoping to address the issue of long hair obscuring players' NCAA-approved hairstyles.

"People don't come to games to watch tufts of hair make tackles and score touchdowns; they come to watch the colorful uniforms do it," Head Coach of the University of Macon Whooppie, Steve Stevenson said of the new rule.

The new rule will limit players to No. 2 grade buzz cuts, No. 1 grade "high-and-tight" cuts, and Johnny Unitas-style flattops. Also, bald will be acceptable.

"These three haircuts embody the class, dignity, and discipline that has always been associated with NCAA football players. Frankly, I thought three was too many; buzz cuts hint at a sense of individuality that has absolutely no place in football." Steveson said.

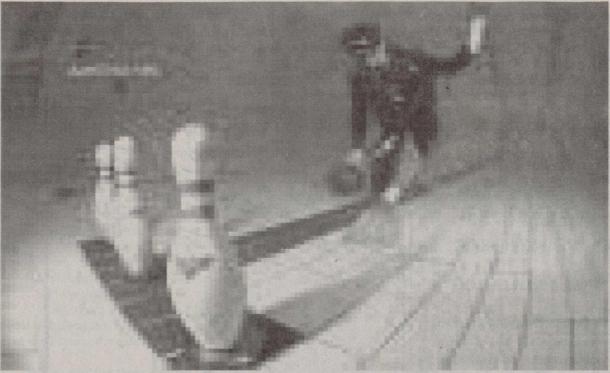
And Finally, the NCAA Board Hazelbreath later added that the of Governors announced Monday USC, Boston College, LSU and Ala-

punishments for more serious in- complicated BCS formula, with its jury-related behavior, saying that interdependent network of media players who sever their spinal cords and coaches polls and computer would face indefinite suspension rankings, in favor of a more streamand, in most cases, be stripped of lined and manageable system consisting of millions of arguments among fans.

"We feel that by monitoring names and numbers, NCAA board opinions expressed during footballpassed a new rule wherein players related arguments held in the nawould be restricted to one of three tion's bars, restaurants, lunchrooms. Internet message boards, and dinner tables, we can amass all the data we need to rank the nation's college football teams throughout the season," NCAA commissioner Jim Hazelbreath said in a press release detailing the argument-monitoring system already in place at most Division I colleges.

> "The best thing about this system is that arguments about the accuracy of the previous week's arguments are automatically factored in to each week's rankings. We feel we've finally found the solution fans have been demanding for years."

Detractors of the new system claim it will reward larger schools with more vocal, more strident, and simply louder fans, as a recent test of the system had Texas, Michigan, Ohio State, Tennessee, Florida State, NCAA is also considering harsher that it would be abandoning the bama all tied for first place.



This is underwater bowling in it's finest form. We do apoplogize for the blurriness of the photo, but by god you try to take a picture underwater and see if it comes out any better. No seriously, you try.

New NSU sport makes splash

Jeffery Sholar

The White Balancer

the pool-sides of NSU's campus. Faculty member, Dr. Baritone discovered this it while visiting the scenic country of Bosnia.

sport there. In fact there was a little waste money on a failed project." museum dedicated to the sport it-

The sport is Underwater Bowl-

The pins are typical bowling pins with special water-resistant coating and ball Barings to weigh regular bowling ball and start this simple bowling game.

"The rules are the same as bowl-

dents really seem to be getting into practice.

Baritone first wanted the sport There is new a sport sweeping to become part of the IM lineup, but IM Director, Nolan Switchlight, dis-

student would be interested in." "People there were so into the Switchlight said, "I wasn't' going to

A group of students who heard about the new sport approached Smith about starting a team. Taylor ing. And yes, it is exactly what it Graves, team captain, knows that even though the sport is new the team is ready to tackle it.

"The challenge is going to be getting the University behind us. We them done. Then the players take a have about twenty people that are ing during this next season. As on the team and everyone is really

In fact, Lavishea Undersauce ing rules." Baritone said, "And stu- bowled a near perfect game during

"She made six strikes in a row." Graves said, "She is the best player that we have. She knows how to use the water to her advantage'

Baritone notices that the team "It seemed like a sport that no needs to obtain titles if NSU athletics is to take them seriously.

> "There is a tournament in Yugoslavia in October. I think if we keep practicing we'll be ready. It's just now a matter of raising the money for the team to go.'

> Graves is determined that through hard work and dedication Underwater Bowling will become the next big sport here at NSU.

> "I know our team will do amazawareness for this sport grows, and as we bring in titles, then we will have more people willing to join and more fans to cheer us on.

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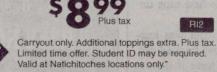
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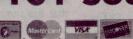
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